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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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SECTION 55

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TITLE: <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1190; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE:  <b>CONSPIRACY TO BELIEVE FEDERAL PRISONER</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Charles J. Fitzgerald, as Daniel Mathias Logan, Memphis PD #3050, and William Burke, Memphis PD #3051, arrested at Memphis 12-7-18, on suspicion of safe blowing, which was later changed to Loitering; each paid a \$50.00 fine on 12-9-18, and were released. Burke, as William Sanders, again arrested at Memphis 9-29-20 and fined \$50.00 for Prowling. No record as to relatives, etc., James C. Jones, true name John O'Malley, Memphis PD #3066, and A. F. McAllister, Memphis PD #3067, arrested Memphis 12-25-18, suspected safe blowers; both released without any connection having been established with Fitzgerald and Burke. Fitzgerald convicted in U.S.D.C., Chattanooga, Tenn., 3-18-14, for carrying explosives on passenger train and sentenced to year and day, U.S.P., Atlanta, Ga. No information in records of U.S.D.C., or at Chattanooga P.D. of any associates there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Agent H. C. Douglas, Birmingham, 5-7-34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT MEMPHIS, TENN.:</u></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Inspector E. A. Parker, in charge of the Memphis Police Department Identification Bureau, made available to Agent his entire record of Charles J. Fitzgerald, William Burke, John O'Malley and A. F. McAllister. This record showed that Fitzgerald, under the name of Daniel Mathias Logan, Memphis PD #3050, and William Burke, Memphis PD #3051, were arrested together on December 7, 1918, as suspected safe blowers. They were detained in jail while investigation was being made but on December 9, 1918, the charge was changed to Loitering and each was fined \$50.00 and released. William Burke, under the name of William Sanders, was</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
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arrested again on September 29, 1920, as a suspected safe blower, but was released without prosecution for that, although he was fined \$50.00 for prowling. Inspector Parker had no record of any correspondence passing between these men and any one else during the period they were in jail.

A letter dated May 14, 1934, addressed by the St. Louis Division Office to the Kansas City Office, sets out that James G. Jones, Memphis PD #3066, and A. F. McAllester, Memphis PD #3067, were arrested with Fitzgerald and Burke. Inspector Parker advised this is an error. He showed Agent the records which reflect that James G. Jones, true name John Ward O'Malley, and A. F. McAllester, were arrested together December 25, 1918, and explosives were found in possession of McAllester. Inspector Parker stating these were cannon crackers, forbidden to be sold in Memphis. McAllester was fined \$25.00. Later, on April 14, 1919, McAllester was again arrested in Memphis for vagrancy and was sentenced to the Shelby County (Memphis) Workhouse for six months, but escaped May 5, 1919. Inspector Parker advised that at the time of their arrest efforts were made to show they were part of Fitzgerald's "mob", but no connection was found. The only data appearing on the fingerprint card of Fitzgerald, aside from the description, is that he was born in Missouri or Iowa and a question mark follows this.

Inspector Parker furnished Agent with the criminal record of Fitzgerald which he said had been prepared by him from information and fingerprint data from various sources, which is being placed in the file of the Nashville Division Office.

The criminal record of William Burke was furnished Agent by Inspector Parker as it appears in his files, as follows:

As JOHN SHRA, #9460, received State Penitentiary Ft. Madison, Ia., 10-22-07 from Polk County; breaking and entering; sentence 4 years.

As JOHN T. SHRA, #6902, arrested St. Louis, Mo., 12-10-12, charge postoffice and bank robbery; charge changed to idling and fined \$100.

As WILLIAM BURKE, #3051, arrested Memphis, Tenn., with C. J. Fitzgerald, 12-7-18; fined \$50.00 12-9-18 for loitering.

As WILLIAM BURKE, #11135, received U. S. Penitentiary Leavenworth, 7-7-16, from Springfield, Mo.; crime breaking and entering postoffice; sentenced to 3 years and \$100.00 fine.

As JOHN T. SHRA, #6902, arrested St. Louis, Mo., 1-21-20, charge suspected safe blower and bank robber; released after seven days.

As JOHN BRAZELTON, # ---, arrested Bowling Green, Ky., 6-14-20; charge concealed weapons, suspected bank robber; no disposition shown.

As WILLIAM SANDERS, #3051, arrested Memphis, Tenn., 9-29-20; paid \$100.00 fine for Prowling.

As JOHN SANDERS, #16359, arrested Kansas City, Mo., 10-14-23; charge, possession of burglar's tools; no disposition shown.

As JOHN T. SANDERS, #4761, arrested Charleston, S. C., 3-25-23; charge, investigation; no disposition shown.

A photograph of William Burke, taken by the Memphis PD in 1918, was secured from Inspector Parker and is being sent with copies of this report to the Kansas City Division Office.

Inspector Parker's files showed a long criminal record for John Ward O'Malley, which included a copy of a letter dated July 29, 1929, addressed to the Sheriff's Office at Los Angeles, Calif., by the Division at Washington, in which the record of O'Malley is set out in detail. Consequently, inasmuch as O'Malley, alias James C. Jones, and A. F. McAllester were not arrested with Fitzgerald and Burke and no connection between the four was established by diligent effort by the Memphis Police Department, the criminal records of O'Malley and McAllester are not copied herein. However, a picture of O'Malley, taken by the Memphis PD in 1918, was procured and is being sent with copies of this report to the Kansas City Division Office.

#### AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Robert Chambers:

Agent found the office of C. C. Abernathy, Attorney, closed. He contacted Mrs. C. C. Abernathy, who stated that her husband had died recently; that she had destroyed the few records remaining in his office; and that she had no knowledge of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

Deputy Clerk J. E. Liles, U. S. District Court, produced the records in case #3596 on the docket, which showed the following information:

A complaint was filed against Charles J. Fitzgerald at Chattanooga on May 7, 1914, charging that on April 22 and 23, 1914, he carried liquid nitroglycerine from Cincinnati, Ohio to Chattanooga, Tennessee, while a passenger on a train. He was tried and found guilty on this charge on May 18, 1914, and sentenced to a year and a day in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. There is no indication in the records that any other person was involved with him in this crime.

Detective Sergeant J. E. Dorsey, of the Chattanooga Police Department, stated after a search of his records that he could find no information in the Police Department files concerning Fitzgerald, either by correct name or known aliases.

Chief of Detectives W. S. Hackett stated that he recalled Fitzgerald, who was arrested by the Chattanooga Police in 1914 and turned over to the Federal authorities for prosecution on a charge of carrying "soup" on an interstate passenger train. Chief Hackett said that Fitzgerald was travelling alone at the time, and he did not recall that Fitzgerald had associates in any of his activities; also that he had no other criminal record at Chattanooga. The Chief suggested that Detective O. O. Griffin might be able to furnish further information about Fitzgerald. He stated that Mr. Griffin was out of town on vacation, and was due to report for duty on August 1, 1934.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The NASHVILLE OFFICE at Chattanooga, Tennessee, will contact Police Detective O. O. Griffin after his return to duty on August 1, 1934, for information about Charles J. Fitzgerald, especially concerning his possible association with one Frank Mathews, alias J. C. Winnfield, at the time of his arrest in 1914.

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**TITLE:**  
**VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);**  
**RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,**  
**I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,**  
**with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194.**

**CHARACTER OF CASE:**  
**CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER**  
**FEDERAL PRISONER**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Former wife of Jules Galatas advises photograph of Betty McFadden strongly resembles wife of Richard Tallman Galatas. Jules Galatas returned to Montgomery, Ala. No indication that Pat Sturney is receiving financial assistance from outside source. Investigation fails to disclose that "Pretty Boy" Floyd is in vicinity of Calhoun, Ga.

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**REFERENCE:**

Division letter to Chicago 7/27/34 and Division letter to John A. Neal, Calhoun, Ga., 7/30/34.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MONTGOMERY, ALA.:**

Agent exhibited to Mrs. Henry L. Jones, former wife of Jules Galatas, now secretary for Steiner, Crum and Weil, Attorneys, First National Bank Bldg., Montgomery, Ala., a photograph of Betty McFadden, Chicago Police No. 88762. Mrs. Jones stated that the photograph strongly resembled Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas. Mrs. Jones, who has been previously interviewed in connection with the whereabouts of Galatas, was unable to furnish additional information with a view of apprehending Galatas. She advised that she will immediately communicate with agent or the Birmingham Office in the event any information is received by her concerning Galatas.

Agent ascertained through W. A. Guy, night clerk Exchange Hotel, that Jules Galatas registered at the Exchange Hotel on August 31, 1934 and is now occupying Room #332. Mr. Guy stated that Jules Galatas is renting a room on a monthly basis and indicated an intention to stay in Montgomery at least a month. Agent noted that Jules Galatas continues to frequent "Bill's Place", a soft drink bar and several gambling places within the near vicinity of the Exchange Hotel.

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4. J. Holman, manager of the Y. M. C. A. in Montgomery, advised agent that Pat Sturney is still residing at the Y and is paying \$2.00 a week for his room. According to Mr. Holman, Sturney is now receiving aid from the Alabama Relief Association in Montgomery and earns \$7.20 a week. Holman stated that Sturney is in apparent need of financial assistance and is exerting every effort to obtain work. He advised that there is no indication that Sturney is receiving any outside financial assistance. Holman stated that he would advise agent of any indication that Sturney is contacting his mother or Galatas. He also stated that he would inform the Birmingham Office at once in the event that Sturney checks out of the Y.M.C.A. and leaves a forwarding address.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Long, managers of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, Montgomery, Ala., advised agent that Jules Galatas had not received or sent any telegrams since August 31, 1934. They both expressed a willingness to cooperate and advise the Birmingham Office immediately in the event Jules Galatas receives or sends any telegrams.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. E. Overstreet.

AT CALHOUN, GA.:

This investigation is predicated on a letter from John A. Neal to the Division 7/26/34, stating he heard Pretty Boy Floyd was in that vicinity ill.

Mr. John A. Neal who operates a pressing club in Calhoun, stated upon interview that Mr. Henry Schneider, an elderly gentleman, who operates a variety store near his place of business, came to Calhoun a little over a year ago and in need, apparently having seen better days; that Ben Morrow, a bootlegger of Gordon County, of which Calhoun is the county seat, loaned Schneider a few hundred dollars with which to start a small business, taking as his security a partnership in the business; that Morris is now a silent partner in the business; that Mr. Schneider runs the business; that Ben Morris is known to be a personal friend of "Pretty Boy" Floyd's; that Morrow's friendship with Floyd was not known to Mr. Schneider, prior to the conversation informant had with him as hereinafter more particularly referred to. Mr. Neal further advised that some two weeks ago, when lying on a couch in the rear of his store, that Mr. Schneider overheard two men talking and that although he did not recognize either voice nor see the men well enough to describe them, one of them was heard to say that "Pretty Boy" Floyd is now in Floyd County, wounded in both legs and on crutches, and is receiving medical aid; that when Mr. Schneider told him the following morning what he had overheard, informant asked him if he had mentioned the matter to anyone else when Schneider replied he had mentioned it to his partner, Ben Morrow, who had lightly passed it up saying that there was nothing to it, that the last he, Morrow, had heard of Floyd he was in California. Mr. Neal



said he then told Schneider he was afraid he had made a mistake by revealing what he had overheard to Morrow and that it was then that he enlightened the old gentleman as to the long friendship between Floyd and Morrow.

Mr. H. B. Owens, City Clerk, advised that Mr. John A. Neal is considered reliable and trustworthy and conservative in his statements, and that although he thought Neal had gone into bankruptcy because of business reverses and that at this time he was not so prosperous, he at one time operated several businesses and was one of Calhoun's leading business men.

Mr. Henry A. Schneider stated that on the date mentioned in Mr. Neal's letter, Sunday prior to July 26, a black open car, very old model, make unknown, probably of the 1918 or 1920 model, stopped in back of his store at about 9 P.M. in the evening; that he overheard two fellows talking in the car, whom he did not see, but from their conversation judged that they were white men; that he was changing shirts to go to the hotel before closing; that he heard one of them call the name of "Pretty Boy" Floyd stating that Floyd was in Gordon County crippled in both legs from being shot in the knees and was being treated, but at which place and by whom he did not hear. Mr. Schneider stated that Dr. Vansan, who has served on the gang, and who is said to be a good doctor, probably treats Floyd if anybody does. He was asked if he thought his partner, Ben Morrow, knew anything as to the whereabouts of Floyd and he said that he would not be surprised if Morrow did know something but that he was not in his confidence when it concerned Morrow's revealing any secrets as to hideouts of criminal associates; that he had told his partner what he had overheard and that Morrow had stated he did not believe there was anything to it, that when he last heard from Floyd, the latter was in California. Mr. Schneider further stated that he had tried to buy Morrow's interest in the store out or to sell to Morrow, but that Morrow had refused to buy or sell; that he intended to divide the merchandise in the store and quit at the expiration of their lease on the first of the year; that he came to Calhoun from West Point, Ga., where he operated a cafe for three years after leaving Augusta, Ga., where he operated a chain of restaurants before losing \$15,000.00 in a bank failure. At this point informant showed agent newspaper clippings containing articles describing the unique invitation posted outside of his restaurant at West Point stating, "Stranger, if you are hungry, and have no money, come in and eat with me." He explained that conditions got so bad that children from the factory settlement ate potato peels from his garbage cans and that he could stand it no longer; that he fed \$0,000 during the last year he was there and that it broke him; that he came to Calhoun without funds, when Morrow started him in business; that he had learned the character of man Morrow is and had determined to break up the partnership with him, although Morrow is now only a silent partner.

It will be noted that Mr. Neal's letter stated the conversation was heard on Sunday night while Mr. Schneider stated it was before quitting work.

Mr. H. E. Miller, Chief of Police, stated he had heard nothing as to the report that Floyd was in Gordon County, except there had been a rumor that Floyd visited Gordon County last spring; that since the matter was mentioned he did recall hearing someone say about two weeks ago that he'd bet Floyd is in Gordon County; that he did not regard the remark of any consequence and did not recall who said it but that he mentioned it to his night man at the time and would ask him who it was that made the remark.

Mr. Charles Welchel, Deputy Sheriff, stated that he knew of the rumor that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in Gordon County last spring but that he had heard nothing of the report that he is receiving treatment in the vicinity at this time. Mr. Welchel stated that Lon Ferguson said in the spring that he heard "Pretty Boy" was coming back here; that Lon Ferguson lives in the south edge of town and has a farm in Gordon County on the old highway three or four miles south of Calhoun. The names of Lon Ferguson, County Commissioner Fox and Charley Shaw were advanced by Mr. Welchel as persons possibly having knowledge of the family history and relatives of Floyd, the latter two he thought would reliably impart any information they had; as to the former, it was doubtful. Fox, he stated, was distantly related to the Floyds. Mr. Fox was interviewed but at his suggestion that Charley Shaw was much more familiar with the entire family history, Mr. Shaw was called and appeared to know a great deal about the family, especially the older members, which he he willingly gave.

Mr. Charley Shaw stated that he was raised on a farm about three miles from the old Floyd home, which was located in the edge of Bartow County, about eight miles west of Adairsville, near Falsom, Ga.; that he knew "Red" Floyd, great grandfather of subject, now dead. He stated that Charley Floyd is subject's grandfather, still living when last heard from two years ago; that "Pretty Boy's" father, who was Walter Floyd, was killed; that Floyd's mother was an Ekels, either the sister or the daughter of Elmer Ekels; that Floyd has two aunts living, one, a Mrs. J. Ben Stevens, a widow, now residing in Cartersville, Ga.; that Clyde Shaw, his son, employed in McDaniel's store at Cartersville, can tell where this aunt of Floyd's lives; that this aunt has a son, who is a preacher, a first cousin to "Pretty Boy"; that the other aunt lives somewhere in South Georgia, town or location unknown; that her name is Mrs. Sam Stevens; that these sisters married cousins; that Sam is a cousin to J. Ben Stevens. He stated further that Guy Abbott, who formerly ran a repair shop in Calhoun and now works for the Standard Oil Company, is related to subject Floyd through marriage; that Duff Floyd, a Probation Officer at Jasper, Ga., is "Pretty Boy" Floyd's second cousin; that Duff Floyd is regarded as a reliable citizen. Mr. Shaw further advised that the Floyds moved away from the above mentioned farm and went to Oklahoma when "Pretty Boy" was about four years old; that "Pretty Boy's" mother is thought to be now living at Sallisaw, Oklahoma and also his grandfather, Charley Floyd. Mr. Shaw did not think that "Pretty Boy" would return to Gordon or Bartow counties unless it be for show-off purposes or to hideout for a while when the trail got too hot elsewhere; that he could not operate in these counties where his connections are too well known; that if he did

contact anyone he would sooner believe that one would be Boss Morrow, a brother to Ben Morrow, that Boss Morrow runs a little eating joint and repair shop in the edge of the business part of Adairville, Ga., on the north side of the business district.

Mr. Charley Welshel, Deputy Sheriff, stated that in his opinion Floyd would be more likely to contact Ben Morrow; that Boss Morrow is a rough, uncouth type who drinks considerably, while Ben, though a bootlegger, is a suave and sober type, more likely to be trusted by Floyd.

Subsequent to conducting above investigation, a letter was received from the Oklahoma City Division office requesting investigation at Talbotton, Ga. The desired investigation in Talbotton will be conducted at the earliest possible date.

A cover on the mail of J. A. Galatas, brother of Richard Tallman Galatas, 9 Cain St., Atlanta, Ga., disclosed that he receives numerous letters from the Hofmayer Dry Goods Co., Albany, Ga., Box 437. Possibly these letters are from his sweetheart as mentioned in report of Special Agent W. M. Sirene dated at Birmingham, Ala., 8/4/34. Special Agent H. C. Douglas ascertained through the Southern Bell Telephone Co. Manager at Atlanta, Ga., that no long distance calls had been charged to 9 Cain Street in Atlanta, Ga., from Feb. 25 to July 25, 1934.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE at Albany, Ga., will conduct discreet inquiry to determine the identity of the patron of Box 437 who corresponds with J. A. Galatas to ascertain if any information of value can be obtained through this source.

**P E N D I N G**

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 14, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

On August 11, 1934, Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, while at Bolivar, Missouri, interviewed Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of that place. It will be recalled through numerous reports in this case that Mr. Killingsworth on June 16, 1933, was abducted by Floyd and Adam Richetti at Bolivar and transported on that date to Kansas City. News reports at the time seriously criticized Sheriff Killingsworth for his attitude as it was shown that Mr. Killingsworth informed a news reporter that Charles Arthur Floyd was a perfect gentleman. It was further evident that Mr. Killingsworth did not report his release by Floyd in Kansas City on the night of June 16th promptly, since he did drive first to Lees Summit, about thirty miles east of here, and then telephonically advised his wife at Bolivar that he had been released. Special Agent R. C. Suran interviewed Sheriff Killingsworth immediately after the massacre and at that time it was shown through the interview that Mr. Killingsworth was not willing to cooperate to any great extent in causing the apprehension of Floyd.

When interviewed by the Agents on August 11, 1934, Mr. Killingsworth stated at the outset that he is frank in admitting that he fears consequences of activity on his part, if same were known, in causing the apprehension of Floyd. He pointed out that he is alone in a country territory where he and his wife and family would be in grave danger should he incur the enmity of Floyd or Adam Richetti or any of their kinsfolk. However, he informed the Agents that he is ready and willing to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Agents providing that his name can be kept secret. Mr. Killingsworth does not appear to be a coward and his manner is very positive. He appears entirely sincere and logical in his statements.

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He informed first that Joe Richetti, a brother of Adam Richetti, is employed in the Chevrolet garage at Bolivar and that while he, Joe Richetti, is regarded as a good citizen at Bolivar, he is positive that Joe Richetti is practically at all times aware of the whereabouts of Adam Richetti and Floyd. He cautioned the Agents that it would, in his opinion, be of no avail to interview Joe Richetti as he himself has never been able to secure any information from him direct. However, he stated that there is a man at Bolivar who does furnish information to him and upon whom he can rely who has been very friendly with Joe Richetti and Richetti's wife, especially the wife; that during the past week Joe Richetti returned from a visit with his sister at Seminole, Oklahoma, and that apparently while at Seminole, Oklahoma, Joe had received information from his sister to the effect that the wife of Joe Richetti and this other gentleman friend had been at Seminole together and had performed some lewd conduct. Joe Richetti returned to Bolivar and, according to information which later reached Mr. Killingsworth, he accused his wife of infidelity and late in the night, while greatly enraged, told his wife that he was going to Kansas City to get Adam Richetti and Floyd in order that they might kill the supposed paramour of his wife. She, however, contrived to disable his automobile by deflating one of the tires. Mrs. Richetti then imparted this information to her sweetheart and that man in turn informed the Sheriff. Another angle of the same incident reached the Sheriff when Joe Richetti himself approached Mr. Killingsworth very much excited about the same time and told him that he wanted Sheriff Killingsworth to know that his brother Adam was intending to kill the other man (the Sheriff's informant). Joe Richetti did not tell Sheriff Killingsworth anything about where Adam Richetti might be and the Kansas City location was not brought out by Joe Richetti when talking with the Sheriff. The source of the information to the Sheriff concerning his threatened trip to Kansas City to get his brother Adam would not be known to Joe Richetti and, unless he had been in emotional turmoil, it is not probable that he would have made such a statement, according to the Sheriff.

Sheriff Killingsworth stated that he will make further contact with his informant whose name was not divulged. He found on August 11, 1934, that the informant whom he stated is a truck driver, was absent from Bolivar, then in Memphis, Tennessee, and that he would be returning within a few days. Sheriff Killingsworth was furnished with the telephone number of the Kansas City office, inasmuch as he stated he does not desire to write anything concerning the case and he promised to communicate promptly such information as he can secure.

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Another angle of this case occurred when Sheriff Killingsworth related that Joe Richetti had recently approached him requesting that he accompany Richetti to Oklahoma on a visit. In connection therewith the Sheriff stated that Joe Richetti informed him that the "boys", meaning Floyd and Adam Richetti, had some money they wanted to give him. During the above conversation with Joe Richetti, according to the Sheriff, the former advised him that Adam Richetti desired to return to Bolivar. Sheriff Killingsworth stated that he advised Joe Richetti that he did not want any money belonging to Floyd and Adam Richetti and was at a loss to understand why they should desire to give him any. He informed Joe Richetti that he could pass the word on to Floyd and Adam that they could stay away from Bolivar and he wanted nothing to do with them; that he had absolutely no interest in them. He stated that he sought to convey to Joe Richetti that he had no desire whatever to locate or cause the apprehension of either Floyd or Richetti. The Sheriff stated that in his opinion Joe Richetti was interested in paving the way so that both Floyd and Richetti might return to Bolivar on such occasions as they desire without interference on his part and with his sanction.

It will be noted that Sheriff Killingsworth arranged the interview with the Agents at a point about six miles west of Bolivar on a side road in order that absolute secrecy in the interview might be enjoyed. He stated that he would prefer that no other inquiries be made at Bolivar for the present in view of the fact that the town, being very small and the inhabitants are prone to reason out any contacts which are made, thereby incurring the danger of his being disclosed in the matter. As it happened the Agents had not approached anyone else at Bolivar concerning this matter before talking with Sheriff Killingsworth and thereafter same was not deemed advisable for the present.

Under a personal and confidential cover a letter is being addressed to the Postmaster at Bolivar, Missouri, without any caption being shown, requesting a tracing of all mail addressed to Joe Richetti.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan* *ms*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B  
cc - Oklahoma City  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Numerous investigations of reports that Subject Galatas has been in Hot Springs, Arkansas, have failed to result in tangible evidence of fact. Little Rock File carefully reviewed and all leads pertaining to Subject Galatas are set forth herein.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>In view of the fact that the Little Rock Office has engaged in such extensive inquiries solely pertaining to Richard Tallman Galatas, it is deemed advisable to set forth information relating to him in an individual report. Old reports have just been received a short time past, from the Oklahoma City Office. Accordingly, all leads from those reports and other material in the files at this office are being consolidated into this report in order to simplify and concentrate investigations in the future, in so far as same pertains to Richard Tallman Galatas.</p> <p>It is noted in letter dated August 10th, 1934 from the Washington Field Office, to the Director, that Mr. Lewis Berry, of the United States Marine Corps was interviewed. That Berry formerly worked for a newspaper in Hot Springs, Arkansas, known as the PUBLIC OPINION and that he gave information which would indicate that Richard Tallman Galatas had associated at Hot Springs, Arkansas, with various public officials of that City, who are alleged to have hidden him since the Kansas City Massacre. It will be noted that investigation in the past has established without question of doubt that Galatas has associated and has been on exceptionally intimate terms with the various public officials at Hot Springs, whose reputations are reputed to be quite unsavory and as a</p>			
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matter of fact, Galatas appears to have been a political power at Hot Springs, Arkansas, prior to the Kansas City Massacre. It will further be noted that the Little Rock Office has secured information from time to time of persons connected with the PUBLIC OPINION, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which periodically rabidly opposes the City Administration.

Notwithstanding the above, the Little Rock Office, in the near future will interview Raymond Berry, S. C. Tanner, William C. Boyie and Ray S. Smith, all of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who are mentioned in letter of reference.

With reference to Division letter of August 7th, 1934 and letter from the Kansas City Office to the Division particularly with reference to Mr. Milton Noble, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, it will be noted that the Little Rock Office has been aware of the fact that Mr. Noble is a nephew of Tom Kearney, well known bookmaker of St. Louis, Missouri and that Mr. Noble has given the Division valuable information in the past. The Little Rock Office is also aware of the fact that any information received from Mr. Noble should be held in the strictest of confidence, in view of the fact that he would probably lose his position at Hot Springs should the fact become known that he has been so cooperative with the Division, both in so far as the Western Union files themselves are concerned and also personally. It will be noted below in this report that further information has been secured from Mr. Noble.

Letter from the Division, dated August 7th, 1934, addressed to Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Jack Mountain, Hot Springs, Arkansas, acknowledged the receipt of a letter from her dated July 31, 1934, wherein she advised that she had information regarding the present whereabouts of Dick Galatas, who is believed to be hiding on the farm of Judge Hammond of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. C. D. Taylor will be interviewed at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the immediate future.

Reference is made to letter from the Birmingham Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated May 24, 1934, which reflects that Mr. J. C. Fox, 302 Halvern Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, had told his son that he had received information from a driver, whose name he did not recall, but who was employed by Dick Merritt, wholesale tobacco and beer man, 723 Federal Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, that he had seen Dick Galatas at George Clark's home on Cedar Street in Hot Springs about three months ago and further that Chief of Detectives "Dutch" Akers at Hot Springs, Arkansas was Galatas' best friend and knows where he may be located. The Little Rock Office is aware of the fact that Galatas is intimately acquainted with "Dutch" Akers, from whom it is doubtful whether any information of material value could be secured. It appears that the person mentioned as George Clark is in all probability Frank Clark, a man who is associated with Galatas, in confidence games and in the slot machine racket at Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Little Rock Office during the last month and a half has kept the Frank Clark Tourist Camp under indirect surveillance in an effort to locate Galatas there but without results. It will also be noted that in the past information has been received which would indicate that there is a possibility that Galatas may have been hiding at the Akers Cottage on Lake Catherine, near Hot Springs, Arkansas. Discreet inquiries regarding same have not been productive to date. However, notwithstanding the above, sometime in the near future investigation will be



made with reference to the driver employed by Dick Merritt at Hot Springs, Arkansas. John Young, the Constable at Hot Springs will be interviewed. Additional investigation will also be conducted with regard to the Akers Cottage on Lake Catherine and also with regard to the cottage of Dan Heevius, which apparently is located near Lake Hamilton at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

With reference to letter from the Birmingham Office to the Kansas City Office dated February 23th, 1934, and letter from the Kansas City Office to the Dallas Office dated March 14th, 1934, investigation will be conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas to verify the statements of J. W. Ellis, to the effect that one L. W. Brownie and Joe Debaca would probably be located with Galatas. It appears that Brownie and Debaca were in the restaurant business with Mr. Ellis at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and also apparently were operating confidence games at that point at the same time.

Reference is made to Division letter of February 20th, 1934 to the Oklahoma City Office, which reflects that one Lawrence E. Burrow, 1108 Boyle Building, Little Rock, Arkansas gave information at the Division, to the effect that one Tyre Murphy, colored, chauffeur, formerly employed by Galatas, gave information which indicated that Galatas was in the hills near Hot Springs. Mr. Burrow also stated that a Mr. Holloman, who is in the automobile business in Hot Springs, Arkansas, also might know the whereabouts of Galatas. It will be noted that Mr. Burrow has never gotten in touch with either Special Agent L. M. Chipman prior to the opening of this Office, or with this Office since its opening. Accordingly, he will be interviewed. Subsequent thereto, appropriate inquiries will be made at Hot Springs with reference to Tyre Murphy, colored and one Holloman.

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office, dated February 3rd, 1934, which sets forth that Galatas was a member of the Sahara Shrine of the Masonic Order, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. It will be noted that this office in the past has interviewed Mr. Bill Seiz, Jr., Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge in Hot Springs, Arkansas, who has always been unusually cooperative. He has always transmitted information to the Division readily. He was the individual who furnished the original photograph of Galatas, which has been printed on the Identification Order, which was taken from the records of the Masonic Lodge. It was Mr. Seiz who first had Galatas inducted into the Masonic Order and who later caused his membership to be revoked, after learning Galatas was a confidence man, this being before the Kansas City Massacre. Notwithstanding the above, Mr. Seiz will again be interviewed at Hot Springs, Arkansas in the near future, at which time more detailed information will be secured.

The files at the Little Rock Office contain a memorandum from the files of the Oklahoma City Office, prepared by Special Agent R. M. Sutterworth at Hot Springs, Arkansas, dated January 26th, 1934 and is quoted as follows:

"Mr. James R. Demby, postmaster at Hot Springs, Ark., advised Agent that Mr. J. W. Hudgins, 107 Palm Street, Hot Springs, Ark. informed Mr. Demby recently that Mr. Frank Braughton, who lives in the Woodland Sub-Division off of West Grand Avenue, Hot Springs Ark. told Mr. Hudgins a few days ago that Mr. Braughton knows where Richard Galatas is hiding and that if there is any reward for Galatas' apprehension that Mr. Braughton will furnish information which will enable Department of Justice Agents to arrest Galatas.

Agent interviewed Mr. Hudgins at the Hot Springs Post Office and Mr. Hudgins confirmed what he had told Mr. Demby. Mr. Hudgins said that he and Mr. Braughton wish any information furnished by Mr. Braughton kept strictly confidential in order that the peace officers at Hot Springs will not learn that they gave information concerning Richard Galatas.

Mr. Hudgins said that if an Agent will contact him that he will introduce the Agent to Mr. Braughton. He states that he has known Mr. Braughton for many years and has always found Mr. Braughton to be a man whose word can be depended on. He said that Mr. Braughton is well acquainted with Richard Galatas and has known Galatas for several years."

In connection with the above an Agent at Hot Springs, Arkansas will interview Mr. J. W. Hudgins again and through him arrange to meet Mr. Frank Braughton. Appropriate action regarding the information received from Mr. Braughton will be taken.

Reference is made to letter from the Little Rock Office to the Kansas City Office dated July 13th, 1934, letter from the Kansas City Office to the Little Rock Office dated July 12th, 1934, Division letter of July 27th, 1934 to the Chicago Office and letter from the Jacksonville Office to the Director, dated August 4th, 1934, all pertaining to the Photograph of Betty McFadden, Chicago Police Department #89762. In connection therewith, Special Agent L. M. Chipman of this Office conducted inquiries at Hot Springs, Arkansas and ascertained the following:

The picture was exhibited to Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs, Police Department, who stated that it was a picture of Galatas' wife. That the picture was a good resemblance of her except that she is better kept and somewhat thinner than when the picture was taken.

Agent Chipman could make no further inquiries at Hot Springs in view of the fact that he was withdrawn on an emergency matter. Shortly thereafter, however, Special Agent H. E. Marshall, of the Little Rock Office conducted further inquiries at Hot Springs and secured further information, which was set forth in memorandum of this office, dated August 6th, 1934, which is quoted as follows:

"On August 2, 1934 at Hot Springs, Arkansas the photograph of Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas was exhibited to various persons in Hot Springs who are considered reliable and who had known both Galatas and his wife.

Mr. G. C. Sutton, who owns several apartment houses in Hot Springs advised that he knew both Galatas and his wife and that they had lived with him on one occasion and that the photograph was a good likeness of Mrs. Galatas and positively identified the photograph as being that of Mrs. Galatas.

Charlie Brandenburg, who runs a tailor shop in Hot Springs also identified the photograph as being a photograph of Mrs. Galatas.

Sam Watt, part owner of the Bellvedere Club stated that he had seen Mrs. Galatas on numerous occasions prior to her disappearance and positively identified photograph as being that of Mrs. Galatas.

Jim Foulous "pouncer" at the Belvedere Club and Southern Club stated he knew her quite well by sight and positively identified the photograph as being of Mrs. Galatas.

Mr. Bill Seiz, Jr., owner of the Seiz Sign Company who is reliable and has been in the past a valuable source of information, stated that both he and his wife had been well acquainted with Galatas and his wife and had gone out with them on several occasions. Mr. Seiz and his wife positively identified the photograph as being a photograph of Mrs. Galatas. Mrs. Seiz stated however, that when she had last seen Mrs. Galatas in June 1933 she had been thinner and looked younger than her photograph would indicate and was not as coarse looking as her photograph.

This Agent made inquiry to determine whether or not Mrs. Galatas had had any pictures taken while she was living in Hot Springs but none were located. Bill Seiz advised he would be on the lookout and would notify the Little Rock Office if any more recent photos of Mrs. Galatas were discovered."

With reference to the above it may be noted that Special Agent N. E. Marshall of this office has made inquiries at various studios at Hot Springs, Arkansas in an effort to secure a more recent and better photograph of Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas. The results were negative. Further investigation has been made to secure some kodak pictures of Mrs. Galatas at Hot Springs, which might be helpful in identifying her. No such photographs have been found to date. However, inquiries along these lines will be continued. It being noted that Mrs. William Seiz has been particularly active in an effort to secure such photographs.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. E. Hanson, Birmingham Office, dated July 20th, 1934, which sets forth a lead for the Little Rock Office at Hot Springs, Arkansas to ascertain whether Galatas' personal property is still located at a fishing camp, located about five miles from Hot Springs on the highway going South of Hot Springs, which road was described as being exactly opposite to the road entering Hot Springs from Little Rock. This is apparently a cabin on Lake Catherine.

During recent inquiries at Hot Springs, Arkansas information has come indirectly to investigating Agents to the effect that the household furniture of Galatas has been sold since he left Hot Springs, Arkansas. Details regarding the same have not been developed. However, this will be given attention when an Agent is in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

There was forwarded to the Little Rock Office from Special Agent in Charge R. E. Colvin at El Paso, Texas, a letter which he had received from Mr. Milton Noble, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and quoted as follows:

"Today I handled two messages for A. J. Conner, who was junior con man working under Dick Galatas.

One message went to C. McDonald, 711 Hammond Bldg Detroit Mich, reading quote Bob's Brother ill stop dead line four oclock tomorrow ansewer. end quote

The other went to Freddie Pitt Herron Hotel Salt Lake City Utah reading quote tell your partner Glen D is in LittleRock takes one hundred even or six months. Wire him care police LittleRock end quote.

Both messages signed A.J. Came from White Front Cigar store.

Len Conner who was supposed be here with Galatas when they tipped of federal officers is here now."

In connection with the above, Special Agent R. E. Marshall prepared a memorandum on July 20th, 1934, which is quoted as follows:

"On June 30, 1934, the Little Rock Office was in receipt of a telegram from Special Agent in Charge R. E. Colvin, El Paso, Texas, advising to see Mr. Noble, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, relative to messages sent from Hot Springs. On July 2, 1934, a telegram was directed to Mr. R. E. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge, El Paso, Texas, requesting that he forward immediately complete contents of communication received from Mr. Noble at Hot Springs.

On June 30, 1934, Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy and Special Agent R. E. Marshall proceeded to Hot Springs for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Noble relative to a confidential letter, which he had written to Special Agent in Charge R. E. Colvin, El Paso, Texas. Special Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent Marshall were unable to locate Mr. Noble at Hot Springs on the night of June 30, and were advised by other employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Hot Springs that Mr. Noble intended leaving on a vacation some time Sunday afternoon or early Monday morning. Special Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent Marshall

therefore remained in Hot Springs the night of June 30, 1934, and on Sunday morning, July 1, 1934, contact was made with Mr. Noble.

Mr. Noble advised that A. J. Conner, brother-in-law of Lou Conner, who was formerly a junior con man working under Dick Galatas, had sent a telegram to C. McDonald, 711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan, reading quote Bob's brother ill stop deadline 4 o'clock tomorrow answer. End quote. Mr. Noble further advised that A. J. Conner had sent another telegram to Freddie Pitt, Herron Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, reading quote tell your partner Glen D. is in Little Rock takes one hundred even or six months. Hire him care police Little Rock end quote. Mr. Noble advised that both of these messages came from the White Front cigar store and were signed, "A. J." Mr. Noble further advised that Lou Conner was at present living in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the 1800 block on Central Avenue, and that as far as he knew, she had no visible means of support, but appeared to have sufficient funds to live in Hot Springs without working. Mr. Noble advised that, in his opinion, if anyone at Hot Springs knew where Dick Galatas was, it would be Lou Conner, and that, in his opinion, if Dick Galatas contacted anyone in Hot Springs, Lou Conner would be one of the parties whom he contacted. Mr. Noble advised that he had heard rumors that Galatas had been in and out of Hot Springs on several different occasions, but that he had taken no stock in these rumors, and felt sure that if Galatas had been in Hot Springs, he would have heard about it.

Mr. Noble is absolutely reliable and is an extremely valuable contact in Hot Springs. He advised, however, that Sonny Davis, City Attorney of Hot Springs, is a life-long friend of his; that Sonny Davis' brother holds a rather responsible position with the Western Union Telegraph Company; and that if information leaks out to the effect that he, Noble, is furnishing any information whatever to the Division of Investigation regarding activities of Dick Galatas or any other parties in Hot Springs, he will lose his job. It is, therefore, requested that extreme care be used in contacting Mr. Noble at the Western Union office in Hot Springs, and that his name and information furnished by him be held in strictest confidence by the Division.

Mr. Noble further advised that an attorney in Little Rock, Arkansas, whose name is Terrell, is supposed to be handling Lou Conner's affairs at the present time, but that he knows nothing regarding Terrell, and does not know why Lou Conner should need an attorney. Mr. Noble stated that it was his opinion that his uncle, Tom Kearney, who is a well known bookmaker in St. Louis, Missouri, could, if he would, furnish valuable information regarding the whereabouts of Galatas.

Mr. Noble advised Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy that any further information, which he deemed might be of value to the Division, and which came into his hands, would be immediately forwarded to the Little Rock Division office. Special Agent in Charge Conroy advised Mr. Noble that his name and any information furnished by him would be held in strictest confidence by the Division, and that he would be protected in every way possible.

On July 10, 1934, Brad Smith, former Sheriff, Hot Springs, Arkansas, called Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy on long-distance telephone and advised him that he had information, which he deemed of value to the Division, but which he could not divulge over the telephone. He requested that Special Agent in Charge Conroy come to Hot Springs within the next few days to see him regarding this matter. On Friday, July 13, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Conroy, accompanied by Special Agent Marshall, proceeded to Hot Springs. Brad Smith was contacted and advised that a woman in Hot Springs, whose name he did not divulge, had talked to him regarding Dick Galatas, and had stated to him that about six weeks prior to that time she and a friend of her's were picked up by a man, who works in the Central Garage, Hot Springs; that this man was going to drive out to Lake Hamilton that night to get a car and had asked them to drive out with him; that this woman stated that this mechanic had been drinking; that while they were driving along the shore of Lake Hamilton on the road to Buckstaff Lodge, he had made the remark that the Government was evidently not hunting Dick Galatas very much or they would surely find him, and had remarked that if they would just wait a few minutes and listen, they would hear a motor boat come up the lake, and it was only a few minutes later that they heard a motor boat go by. Brad Smith advised that this woman did not say that the mechanic told her that Dick Galatas was in this motor boat, but that she interpreted his remarks to mean it was Galatas. Brad Smith stated that this woman could give no definite information as to which direction this motor boat came from, or where it went, or at which landing on the lake it stopped. Brad Smith stated that he put very little stock in the information furnished him by this woman, as it was too indefinite. He advised that, in his opinion, it would be useless to make any raids on Lake Hamilton or in that vicinity until more definite information was forthcoming, as it would merely scare Galatas if he were in the vicinity of Hot Springs.

Jim Poulos, the "bouncer" at the Belvedere Gambling Club, north of Hot Springs, who has been established as a contact man and valuable informant by Special Agent E. E. Anderson of the Kansas City Division Office, and who is considered to be reliable, was called and came to Brad Smith's office, which is out in the residential section of Hot Springs. Poulos advised that a confidence man in Hot Springs, who was a former acquaintance of Dick Galatas, had come to him and made him a proposition that if he, Poulos, would tip them off on guests at his, Poulos', hotel, they would cut him in on the "take". Poulos advised Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy that if Special Agent in Charge Conroy desired, he would play in with these confidence men, and they could be caught on a swindle job. Poulos advised, however, that there was no indication whatever that Dick Galatas was connected with this scheme. Special Agent in Charge Conroy advised Poulos that as there was no indication whatever that Dick Galatas was connected with this scheme, it was a matter in which the Government could not interest itself at this time.

Poulos was asked whether or not he had heard rumors that Dick Galatas had been or was in the vicinity of Hot Springs and had frequented the Belvedere Night Club. Poulos advised that he had heard these rumors, but that he had been unable to get any direct evidence, and had been unable to locate anyone through any of his informants who had actually seen Galatas, or knew anyone who had actually seen Galatas in Hot Springs. Poulos stated that if Dick Galatas had been at the Belvedere Night Club, he would know it. Poulos advised that Brad Smith had informed him of the in-

formation furnished him by a woman in Hot Springs that Dick Galatas might be hiding out on Lake Hamilton and using a motor boat to get in and out of there at night. Poulos advised that he did not believe Galatas was on Lake Hamilton, and that it would be very foolish to make any raids in that vicinity without having more definite information than was at present in the hands of the Division. Poulos further advised that Sam Watt, who is a good friend of his, and who is part owner of the Belvedere Night Club, would know positively whether or not Dick Galatas had ever visited the Belvedere Club since he became a fugitive, and that information furnished by Watt could be relied upon.

It will be noted that Sam Watt has been contacted on prior occasions and established as a valuable contact by Special Agent H. E. Anderson of the Kansas City office and Special Agent W. E. Marshall of the Little Rock office.

Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy and Special Agent K. E. Marshall, accompanied by Jim Poulos, proceeded to the Belvedere Night Club, where they were introduced under fictitious names by Jim Poulos as friends of his, so that contact might be made with Sam Watt without arousing suspicion. Sam Watt advised Special Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent Marshall that he had heard rumors that Dick Galatas had been in Hot Springs within recent months, but that he had been unable to verify this fact. Mr. Watt was asked whether or not Dick Galatas had been to the Belvedere Night Club since he became a fugitive. Mr. Watt replied that he had made discreet inquiries among his dealers, and that from his own information and from information furnished him by employees of the Belvedere Club, he was positive that Dick Galatas had never been to the Belvedere Night Club since he became a fugitive. Mr. Watt stated that both Dick Galatas and his wife were well known to practically every employee of the Belvedere Night Club, and that if either Galatas or his wife had visited the Belvedere Night Club since he became a fugitive, he, Watts, would be one of the first persons to know it. Mr. Watt advised that his information was that Galatas had some good friends in Reno, Nevada, who were confidence men, and that on several different occasions in the past, Galatas had been known to go to Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of working the confidence racket with these friends, but that at present these friends, whose names are Graham and McKay, are under indictment in New York on a swindle and confidence charge.

Mr. Watt expressed his willingness and desire to cooperate with agents of the Division in any manner possible, but expressed the desire that his name and information furnished by him be kept in strict confidence for the reason that he was part owner of the Belvedere Club, and a great deal of their business came from the confidence men and shady element in Hot Springs, and that it would be very detrimental to his business and also dangerous to him personally if the criminal element in Hot Springs knew that he was furnishing information to the Division.

Further in connection with the above, Special Agent L. M. Chipman, of this office, conducted investigation at Little Rock, Arkansas and ascertained that police records disclosed that a Glen C. Day was arrested on June 18th, 1934 for vagrancy and false pretence. He was fined \$66.90 on the vagrancy charge and \$25.00 on the false pretence charge. Lieutenant J. Earl Scroggin, of the Little Rock Police Department stated that Day was arrested for giving a rooming house operator



a fictitious check.

Chief of Detectives J. A. Pitcock, Little Rock Police Department stated that Day is supposed to have been stopping at Hot Springs, Arkansas for the last few months. That he is a con man, who has been operating on a small scale, but has a brother, name unknown, who is supposed to be one of the "high-powered" operators of the country. A description of Day as obtained from Lieutenant Scroggin, is as follows:

Name	Glen C. Day
Age	45
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Race	White
Scars	Cut scar, tip of right little finger
He was finger-printed under Little Rock Police Dept. #6946	

The return on same received from the Division disclosed the following record:

As Glen C. Day, arrested New Orleans Police Department, #3299, on March 2nd, 1919, charge - suspicious character and fugitive, with notation wanted by Police Department Beaumont, Texas for Grand Larceny.

As Glen Day, arrested, Detroit Police Department, #45546, on August 10th, 1935, investigation - con man.

Letter from V. L. Landers, Night Marshal, Benton, Arkansas, dated June 11th, 1934, addressed to this office prior to its opening, is quoted as follows:

"I was talking to a Mr Anderson of your department about nine months ago, about one Dick Galatas that he and his department wanted to get, that was connected with the Kansas City killing, of those officers and there prisoner several months ago. There prisoner was Frank Nash.

Mr. Anderson told me if I could get any information as to Galatas whereabouts to get in touch with you. I was talking to a lady from Hot Springs Ark, this June the 7th 1934, and she says that she can direct the officers to him, or can tell them where he can be found, that he is in hiding there near Hot Springs Ark, and has been all of the time. She said he was in the Court House there the other day having some deeds changed on some property. This lady will be in Benton Ark, next Thursday night, June the 14th and is here every Thursday night. She is the business manager for a small paper called the Public Opinion, that is printed here in Benton for them at Hot Springs. Her name is Mrs Gladys Wilson, I do not know her street address but if you will come to Benton Ark, Thursday evening or night up to midnight I will get you in



touch with her. She tells me that the officers at Hot Springs says that he is not wanted for that crime any more. Please advise me if he is not. I understand he goes heavy armed he still thinks they want him any way."

The memorandum of Special Agent L. M. Chipman, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 4th, 1934, is quoted as follows:

"In connection with letter written by V. L. Landers, Night Marshal, Benton, Arkansas, regarding information concerning Richard Galatas, Agent N. E. Marshall and the writer interviewed Mr. Landers at Benton, Arkansas, on June 21, 1934, he advising that he had no definite information regarding this matter, and suggesting that agents interview Miss Wilson, who was to be in Benton that evening.

Later in the evening Miss Wilson was interviewed and stated as follows:

That about six weeks ago a man by the name of Byrd, who works for the Central Garage at Hot Springs, drove her and his girl friend to the Backstaff Lodge, which is located near Herbert Akers' lodge on Lake Catherine; that Byrd was drinking rather heavily and made a remark that Galatas was stopping about two miles up the lake on what is referred to as the "Point."

Miss Wilson stated that she ascertained from Mike Sevier of Hot Springs that the lodge on the "Point" is owned by Judge Harmon, who is an attorney at Hot Springs, and takes City Judge Ledgerwood's place on the bench when he is out of the city, and is in with the local powers there; that Byrd also told her that Galatas signed some papers at the City Hall at Hot Springs either on the fourteenth of March or fourteenth of April of this year. She stated she tried to examine the records, but that the City Clerk would not allow her. She added that she understands that Judge Harmon's lodge on the "Point" is across the lake from Herbert Akers' lodge and is about two miles up the lake, going away from the city of Hot Springs; that Galatas and also "Pretty Boy" Floyd have stopped at a cabin now owned by Frank Clark, which is located on the Jessierville Road. She further stated that Frank Clark purchases this property a few months ago, and that Mike Sevier can furnish the name of the man who formerly owned it.

Miss Wilson further stated that prior to the Kansas City massacre, Galatas, so she understands, went on a note for a man by the name of Mc Hugh, who is living at Herbert Akers' lodge. She stated this information came from Byrd, and that Galatas formerly owned an interest in the Central Garage, where Byrd is employed.

Miss Wilson stated that this is the only definite information she has received in the last few months indicating that Galatas is at Hot Springs, but that it is her opinion that he visits Hot Springs regularly, and is being protected by the local officials there during these visits."

With reference to Agent Chipman's memorandum quoted directly above, it will be noted that information of a similar nature was received and set forth in a memorandum prepared by Agent Marshall and quoted above in this report.

Inquiry was made at the Madison-Smith Cadillac Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, by Special Agent N. E. Marshall, who was advised by Mr. A. P. Madison that Richard Tallman Galatas' Cadillac Sedan, which was returned to Little Rock, Arkansas, from St. Louis, Missouri, through Tom Kearney of St. Louis, Missouri, was still in storage at the Madison-Smith Cadillac Company, Little Rock, Arkansas and that no information whatever had been received as to what disposal was to be made of this car. Mr. Madison advised that if any information was received in the future by him with regard to this car he would notify the Little Rock Division Office.

William Seiz, Jr., of Hot Springs, Arkansas, during one of the interviews with Mr. Seiz, by Special Agent N. E. Marshall, advised that Raymond Townsend, formerly of Hot Springs, Arkansas, stated in a family circle in Hot Springs, Arkansas, sometime during the month of July, that he had seen Dick Galatas on the streets of Hot Springs about a week prior thereto. Mr. Seiz, furnished Agent Marshall with the present address of Raymond Townsend.

Raymond Townsend, State Health Department, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, was interviewed and advised that he had been for several years, Clerk at the Marquette Hotel, in Hot Springs, Arkansas and had become rather intimately acquainted with Dick Galatas, whom he knew by the name of Dickinson and that Galatas had stayed at the Marquette Hotel for a period of five or six months and had worked at the hotel as a confidence man. Mr. Townsend advised that he knew Galatas well and would recognize him as easily as he would recognize his own Mother or Father and that while in Hot Springs, about the first part of July he had passed Dick Galatas on the street and that he was wearing glasses and had grown a full beard and was also carrying a cane and that he recognized him by his peculiar walk and manner of looking from left to right every few steps. Mr. Townsend stated that he was absolutely positive that it was Dick Galatas whom he had seen on the street, but he had not mentioned this fact to anyone at the time, because it would do no good to notify the local officers in Hot Springs, Arkansas and that he had not known at that time that the Division had established an office in Little Rock. Mr. Townsend advised that it was his opinion that if Galatas was not in Hot Springs or that vicinity that he came in occasionally and when he did come in he would contact Frank Clark, who operates a Tourist Park in Hot Springs. Mr. Townsend advised that Frank Clark had on numerous occasions invited him to spend his week-end parties at his Tourist Park and in the near future he intended to spend about a week at Frank Clark's Tourist Park and believed he would be able to ascertain whether Dick Galatas was presently staying with Frank Clark, or whether he made periodical visits to Frank Clark's place. That in the event any information was obtained by him he would immediately drive to Little Rock and notify the Little Rock Division Office.

The Little Rock Office at the present time has an underworld character whose name is being given the Division in a separate communication, operating in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Complete activities regarding his activities will be rendered in the next report regarding Galatas. The only significant information received from him to date indicates that Galatas has had his face lifted and has had a scar placed on his left cheek in order to disguise his appearance further. He further advised that Galatas has had his hair dyed from gray in color to a dark brown. The informant also advised that Galatas is wearing glasses. It will be noted that the informant's

information is reputed to have come to him second-hand, through his friends, who received the information from the Hot Springs Police Department.

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Requested to furnish the Little Rock Office with a copy of the photograph of Mrs. Glenn Morris, alias Mrs. A. A. Perry, alias Mrs. G. T. Richards, #1939, Miami, Florida. It being noted that this is apparently, Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas. Upon the receipt of this photograph it will be taken to Hot Springs, Arkansas for purposes of identification.

The Kansas City Office is requested to transmit to this office a set of the fingerprints of Betty McFadden, Chicago Police Department, #88762. It being noted that the photograph taken at the time of the arrest of Betty McFadden has been identified as that of Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas.

The Kansas City Office is requested to furnish the Little Rock Office with a copy of a letter addressed by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy to the Director, a copy of which was forwarded all Division Field Offices, about February or March 1934, which set forth the names and brief descriptive data of all individuals who were, or are, defendants, or prospective defendants in this case.

The Kansas City Office is requested to furnish the Little Rock Office with a copy of a summary report which was prepared sometime past and which was composed solely of information relating to Richard Tallman Galatas.

The Kansas City Office is requested to furnish the Little Rock Office with at least two copies each of all the available photographs of Richard Tallman Galatas.

The attention of the Kansas City Office is directed to the criminal record of Richard Tallman Galatas, set forth in summary report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated October 12th, 1933. This office is not in possession of any reports which would reflect that photographs of Galatas have been secured from the Toledo, Ohio, Los Angeles, California, Columbus, Ohio and Flint, Michigan, Police Departments and whether the disposition of the cases set forth has been fully developed.

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
August 20th, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that  
the Division furnish this office twenty-five (25)  
copies each of the following Identification Orders:

- I. O. #1194 - Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, -  
FUGITIVE
- I. O. #1196 - Bernard Phillips, with aliases
- I. O. #1301 - Richard Callman Galatas, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY, *ink*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Re: **VERNON C. MILLER** (deceased)  
et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Fed. Prisoner.

The Little Rock Office requested this office by telegram today to forward immediately two copies of the latest available photographs of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti.

With a copy of this letter to the Little Rock Office there are being transmitted photographs of Floyd, same being the following views:

Kansas City Kansas Police Dept. #3999; bust view in group with Beula Baird; standing view with two women whose identities are not yet known.

The Kansas City Office has on hand at this time only one photograph of Richetti, namely that taken from the negative at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, #25773, and this copy can not be spared. I have therefore requested you today by wire to secure four additional copies of this photograph from prison authorities, sending two copies to Little Rock and two to this Office.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. Nathan,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

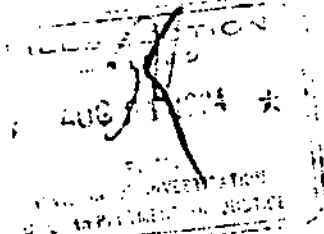
RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1201, CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1194, et al, CONSPIRACY TO  
DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

It is noted from your letter dated August 12,  
1934, addressed to the Oklahoma City Office, that a  
photograph of subject Floyd standing with two women, whose  
identities are not known, was transmitted to that office.

You are instructed to furnish the Division  
with a copy of this photograph, to be included in its  
file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AMBICAGO

FINGERPRINTS MRS. JOHN BURKE NOT IDENTICAL WITH LATENT PRINTS IN BUREAU  
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August 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 744,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto copy of a letter from the Division to Mrs. LaRue Paytano, Affton, Missouri, dated August 15, 1934, and letter from Mrs. Paytano to the Attorney General, which was attached to the copy of the Division letter mentioned.

It appears that the place to which Mrs. Paytano has reference is between Mt. Sterling and Winchester, Kentucky. As this is in your territory, the matter is being referred to you.

Very truly yours,

H.E. REINECKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

This evening at 10:10PM. Mr Brantley at Oklahoma called stating that he had just received a telephone call from Agent Hall who is at Tulsa Oklahoma. Agent Hall stated that he had received information from Chief of Police Curnmonz at Claremore Oklahoma to the effect that an informant of the Chief of Police had information as to the whereabouts of Floyd.

Mr Brantley instructed Agent Hall to go over there and get all of the information. Agent Hall did and called Mr Brantley back and gave him the following information. The Chief of Police at Claremore Okla has an informant and this informant has a daughter who told him that Floyd had been in there two or three nights ago and was probably supposed to come back tonight. Mr Brantley said that Agent Hall has two other Agents up there with him Agents Birch and Hartin. Mr Brantley instructed Agent Hall to get some reliable Peace Officers and cover the place. Mr Brantley has sent some more men from Oklahoma. Mr Brantley stated that he didn't know what would develop it may be one of the many things coming in but in the event he gets any results during the night he will call the office about them. He said that he wanted the Bureau to know about it in the event there was any publicity.

Respectfully,

Leo M. Murphy.

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Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Mumford	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
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Mr. Gandy	.....

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

LAH/lm

August 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In accordance with Mr. Newby's request made last night, there are transmitted herewith eight copies of a transcript of the criminal record and eight copies of a photograph of Frank Curley, Identification Unit File #157806. All aliases and a description appear on each transcript.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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#F-16072, SO, Miami, Fla.

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August 21, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased),  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases,  
Fugitive, Identification Order 1202,  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with  
aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order 1194,  
et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to Division letters dated December 7, 1933 and March 14, 1934, containing references to reports which set forth information with respect to one "Curly", who was observed leaving the O-P Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois, with Tony DeGracia on the afternoon of June 16, 1933, the day before the massacre. It is further noted that one "Curly" approached a Dr. Farr in Kansas City, Missouri two days after the massacre and solicited his assistance with respect to a wounded person whose identity is unknown. The identity of "Curly" has not been established, although the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1933 indicates that "Curly" Clouse was the individual who was observed leaving the O-P Inn. Several photographs of this individual, however, have been exhibited to Dr. Farr at Kansas City, Missouri, without results.

In reviewing the file entitled WILL GREEN, (Deceased), et al, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, reference is found to one "Curly" in the report of Special Agent J. L. McCaffrey, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 5, 1932. It appears that this individual is closely associated with the followers of dog racing in Florida, especially the Miami Beach Kennel Club. It will be noted that the officials of this club frequent Cicero, Illinois and were closely associated with Frank Nash (deceased), as is reflected by many of the reports in this file.

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With a view to possibly identifying "Curly" there are enclosed herewith photographs, and abstract of criminal record, of the "Curly" referred to in the report of Special Agent McGaffrey, whose description, as reflected by the files of the Identification division of the Sheriff's Office of Miami, Florida is as follows:

Name	Frank Curley
Age	32 (1928)
Height	5'9 1/2"
Weight	158 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Blond, curly, bald in front
Eyes	Blue
Race	White
Nationality	American
Occupation	Bootlegger
Police Number	Miami, Florida Sheriff's Office #14983

In the same file appears a report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 26, 1932, which reflects information with respect to the association of Tony DeGracia with "Doc" Stacey and "Big" Homer. In this connection some consideration should be given to the possibility of establishing the identity of "Big" Homer, who may be identical with "Big" Homer. With further reference to the identity of "Big" Homer your attention is directed to the letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge A. B. Donaldson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, May 5, 1932, submitted in the case entitled FRANK NASH, with aliases, et al, reflecting the results of an interview had with Earl Fontaine by Special Agent A. B. Brown, wherein it is noted that pursuant to instructions received from his brother Harold Fontaine he made contact with the "gang" at 5704 22nd Street, which is a "joint" operated by a man known as "Big Six". The information set forth in this letter should be given consideration in connection with your efforts to locate "Big" Homer.

The Kansas City and Jacksonville Offices have in their respective files the reports of Special Agents McGaffrey and Keating and copies of the letter of Acting Special Agent in Charge Donaldson are being transmitted herewith for the information of those offices.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure 513684  
CC Kansas City  
Jacksonville

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

August 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 8, 1934, submitting fingerprints of Irene Dorsey Goetz, Arthur E. Bevan, Lee T. Bevan and John J. Hooker in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

The fingerprints which you submitted have been compared with the remaining unidentified latent impressions previously developed in connection with the above mentioned case, but no identification has been effected. A search of the main fingerprint files of the Division disclosed no prior criminal record for Irene Dorsey Goetz, Arthur E. Bevan or Lee T. Bevan. A similar search reveals the following criminal record for John J. Hooker:

Subject as Thomas Joseph Hallahan alias Thos. J. Hallahan, #2847-D-1, arrested Police Department, Berkeley, California, May 2, 1934, charge, violation peddling ordinance, released, no complaint with warning.

Enclosed herein is one of the two copies of the fingerprints of Irene Dorsey Goetz inasmuch as only one of these is necessary for the completion of our records.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of recent date, I am transmitting herewith two copies each of the fingerprints and photographs of the following individuals, as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit:

Rose Baird, Georgetown, Kentucky PD #187;

Boulah Baird, alias Juanita Baird, Georgetown,  
Kentucky PD #186;

Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #25773.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
August 20th, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases, (Deceased)  
**RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS**, with aliases -  
**FUGITIVE**, I. O. #1201; **CHARLES ARTHUR**  
**"PRATTY BOY" FLOYD**, with aliases - **FUGITIVE**,  
I. O. #1194; et al.  
**Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -**  
**Obstruction of Justice.**

Dear Sir:

There have been recently rendered at this office two reports containing a review of the file and pertaining particularly to Charles Arthur Floyd and Richard Tallman Galatas. There are certain general aspects of the case which apparently should also be given attention at this office and these are the subject of this letter.

Report of Special Agent E. F. Brainer, Kansas City, dated June 8th, 1934, requested the Oklahoma City Office at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to make discreet inquiry concerning the identity of a party known as "Curly", as indicated by a statement made by Dr. Fred D. Furr. Curly was apparently supposed to see one "Jacobs", who apparently is the individual who manages the Southern Club and the Belvedere Club, the two major gambling concessions at Hot Springs, Arkansas and vicinity.

There appears to be little likelihood that Jacobs will furnish any information of value, however, he will be interviewed as requested by your office.

Letter from the Director, dated April 30th, 1934, to the Kansas City Office, set forth that all offices receiving a copy of the letter should make every effort to locate one Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary #421, who according to a note of a copy of a letter received here from the Oklahoma City Office, was arrested at Little Rock, Arkansas as #493. It is suggested that your office furnish this office with

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the complete criminal record, description and photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald. Subsequent thereto inquiries will be made at the Little Rock Police Department.

Letter from the Chicago Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated April 9th, 1934, set forth that a letter was directed to the Oklahoma City office, under date of June 2nd, 1933, indicating that Michael J. Michaels had received a letter from Hot Springs, Arkansas, having a return address - "Cap M. German, 323 Olive Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas". That Michaels was an alias for One Winkler, a notorious Chicago hoodlum, who was extremely friendly and associated with Fred C. Goetz, alias George Zigler, who has been partially identified by Special Agent Lackey, as one of the murderers at Kansas City, Missouri. It is respectfully requested that a photograph and description of Fred C. Goetz be furnished this office in order that appropriate inquiries may be conducted at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Letter from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office, dated January 14th, 1934, requested an interview with Mrs. Alice Long, sister of Frank Nash, at Paragould, Arkansas, in an effort to locate Heber Nash, who might be interviewed regarding what information he has in connection with the massacre itself. This lead will be developed in the near future.

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 28th, 1934, reflects that one, Ralph O'Hara, well known Chicago gangster and right hand man of Thomas Maloy, accompanied Maloy to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he stayed during March 1934 at the Arlington Hotel. No lead was set forth for this office relative thereto. In the event that any information is desired in connection therewith it is respectfully requested that this office be notified regarding the information desired.

Your attention is respectfully directed to a letter from this office to the St. Paul office, dated July 22nd, 1934, in regard to the case of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al - Kidnaping, which contained information in regard to a car purchased by V. C. Miller at the Madison-Smith Cadillac Company, Little Rock, Arkansas. That automobile may probably have some connection with the instant case. As a matter of precaution the motor number of that car was listed with the State Motor Vehicle Bureau at Little Rock, Arkansas.

It is respectfully requested that your office furnish the Little Rock office with copies of pertinent reports having to do with Charles J. Fitzgerald and Gerald C. Goetz, in order that the investigating Agents who make inquiries in this District may have a proper background for such inquiries.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
August 20, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

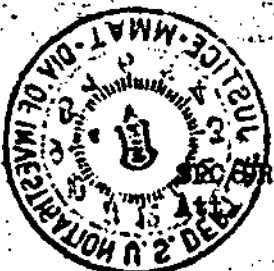
Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a clipping  
containing the photographs of John Hamilton, Charles A.  
Floyd, Homer Van Meter, Lester H. Gillis alias "Baby Face"  
Nelson, and Richard Tallman Galatas, indicating that the  
Liberty magazine is offering a reward of \$1000 for the  
apprehension of each of these individuals.

This clipping was forwarded to the  
Chicago Office by one Frank Bodenschatz, of Elgin, Illinois,  
and there is no indication from what paper the clipping  
was taken.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge



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Saint Louis, Missouri  
August 21, 1934**

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1194, et al,  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to dispatches which indicate that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in custody at Belleville, Illinois.

The first information regarding the possible incarceration of Floyd was telephoned this office by Special Agent in Charge Melvin Purvis of Chicago, and the writer immediately contacted the Sheriff at Belleville, Illinois, by telephone, and he stated that they had now made a positive identification of the man in custody, who is not Pretty Boy Floyd, but is one Leonard Buyington, alias Pretty Boy Buyington, alias Martin, who was wanted for an offense near Belleville, it being reported that he killed a man in that section of the State two or three years ago.

The Sheriff assured me that his information was positive, and that this individual was not Floyd.

This will confirm my telephonic conversation with Mr. Newby of the Division today.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-20-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7-17-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. J. BLAKE</b>
TITLE: <b>VERNON C. MILLER, w.s. (Deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.s. - FUGITIVE I.O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR "Pretty Boy" FLOYD, w.s. - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1194; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>E.E. Beech says that Ruby Floyd divorced Charles Arthur Floyd when he was in Jefferson City, Missouri, Penitentiary, and married Leroy Leonard of Coffeyville, Kansas; left him after Floyd's release and is now running around with Charlie Dennison of Pawhuska, Oklahoma.</p> <p>P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas Division Office to the Division, dated June 26, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>E.E. Beech, Promoter of the motion picture film of Ruby Floyd and her son, phoned the writer that he was now in position to bring to a successful conclusion the object of former negotiations - the surrender of Floyd - and asked for an immediate interview at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.</p> <p>In this interview Beech bitterly criticized Rev. J. Frank Norris, who he said had caused the failure of prior negotiations. He endeavored to ascertain whether an Agent from the Division accompanied Dr. Norris to "within 100 miles of Sallisaw, Oklahoma", but was not advised as to that.</p> <p>He said that Ruby Floyd divorced Charles Arthur Floyd when he was serving a term in Jefferson City, Missouri, Penitentiary, and then married a baker of Coffeyville, Kansas, named Leroy Leonard, who also runs a filling station at Coffeyville and who has two half brothers living in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, one named Leo Leonard, a Deputy Sheriff. However, after Floyd's release from Jefferson City he went to Coffeyville and took Ruby to Sallisaw, Oklahoma, to the home of his mother and she never rejoined Leonard.</p> <p>Beech says that his uncle, A.W. Comstock, of Pawhuska, prepared a divorce petition for Ruby from Leonard and that Leonard has agreed to the</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>F. J. B. [Signature]</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>62-28915-2271</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>AUG 28 1934</b>
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divorce. He says the reason Ruby wants a divorce from Leonard is to enable her to marry one Charles Dennison, a half-breed Indian of Pawhuska, but one draw back to that plan is that Dennison and Ruby are both afraid that Floyd will kill both of them if they married, and therefore both of them want Floyd removed as a threat to them.

Beech said that Dennison and Ruby Floyd could be picked up and charged with violation of the White Slave Traffic Act and if the "heat" was put on them they would assist in trapping Floyd. Asked as to whether they would not assist to help themselves in their personal plans, he thought they would not.

He then desired to know if he could get some financial assistance from the Division as his motion picture venture had not been a success, and getting a negative response, he wanted to borrow \$4.50.

I have no faith in Beech and am recording this alleged information for record purposes only.

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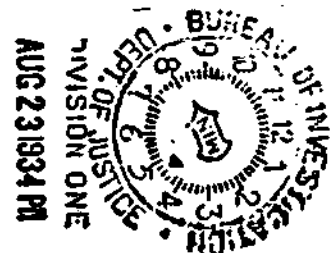
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Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

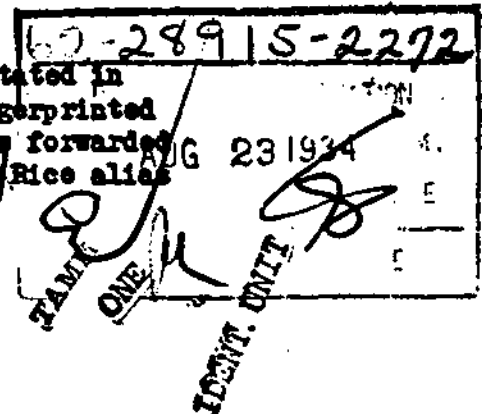
RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased)  
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1201  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1194; et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the Division's letter of  
August 17, 1934.

Special Agent R. L. Main on August 20, 1934,  
checked the records of the Miami Police Department and furnished the  
following memorandum:

*8/24*  
"As stated in letter from the Jacksonville Office to the  
Division dated August 4, 1934, Subject Galatas and his  
wife were arrested at Miami, Florida, as Mr. and Mrs.  
Glenn Morris on December 10, 1927, with Mr. and Mrs.  
E. R. Huston and J. J. Miller. The photograph of E. J.  
Hall, Victoria PD Number 3867, has been identified by  
Sergeant Edward Melchen of the Detective Bureau of the  
Miami Police Department as the individual arrested as  
J. J. Miller at Miami, Florida, on December 10, 1927.  
Mr. Melchen had no information whatsoever on Miller as  
when arrested no papers were found on him and he refused  
to talk.

*10/24*  
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston (not Hutson, as stated in  
Division letter of reference) were both fingerprinted  
on December 10, 1927, and their fingerprints forwarded  
to the Division. E. R. Huston alias Samuel Rice alias



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E. Rice, alias Edward Rice is Miami Police Department Number 1957. Mrs. E. R. Huston alias Cora Rice alias Mrs. E. Rice alias Mrs. Edward Rice is Miami Police Department Number 1958. The files of the Identification Bureau of the Miami Police Department contain a record of Huston which was furnished by the Identification Unit of the Division so the print has apparently been overlooked. The classification of Huston's fingerprints is:

5 R 19, and the classification of Mrs. Huston's fingerprints is: 17 A

ton's fingerprints is: 5 R 00 22.  
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Detective Sergeant Malchen was successful in locating some notes he made at the time of the arrest of these individuals. All available information on Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris has been furnished the Division in letter of August 4, 1934, with the exception that Morris had a card on his person indicating he was a member of "Fraternal and Protective Order of Stags", Saint Louis, Missouri, Card Number 280; also papers indicating he had an account in the Dime Savings Bank and Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan.

Papers found on Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston indicated that he formerly lived or had relatives at 4345 Lindell Road Boulevard, Saint Louis, Missouri. He had a deposit ticket on the Northern California Bank, Redding, California, showing a deposit on September 20, 1927, to the account of EDWARD and CORA RICE in amount of \$6,500. Had a memorandum in his possession containing the following addresses:

R. L. Rice  
719 Hellman Building  
Los Angeles, California, and

C. J. Lake  
218 Hollingsworth Building  
Los Angeles.

He also had a safe deposit box receipt from the Security Trust and Savings Company, Los Angeles, for Box Number 110. The receipt was numbered 981 and dated October 26, 1927.

Mr. Melchen also found in his records that District Attorney E. Warren, Alameda County, Oakland, California, requested information on E.R. Huston in 1932, and all the above data were furnished to him. Mr. Warren may have some information that would be of value in connection with this matter.

When the five above named individuals were arrested at Miami, Florida, on December 10, 1927, they were traveling in a Buick sedan which carried California 1927 license number 1-300-666.

No other information was available at the Miami Police Department on these persons."

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Neither copies of this letter nor leads to the auxiliary offices covering points mentioned in Agent Main's memorandum have been set out by the Jacksonville Office, the direction of such investigation being left to the discretion of the Division and the Agents handling the instant investigation. It appears that Agent Main has obtained considerable information that might be of value in checking the activities and associates of Galatas.

With reference to the disposition of the case at Jacksonville, Florida, of J. J. Miller with aliases, Division file 28216, for whom a print was furnished to the Division by the Jacksonville Police Department as F. R. Miller, number 4, charge - bumco, Special Agent C. E. McRae, Jr., of the Jacksonville Office,

contacted Estes Durden, State Bureau of Identification, who checked his records on this individual and stated that this person was one of four who were fingerprinted on March 29, 1928, in Ocala, Florida, at the request of certain Ocala authorities that a fingerprint man from the Jacksonville Police Department come to Ocala for the purpose of fingerprinting these men and no data are available in the Jacksonville Police Department relative to this individual, or the other three individuals fingerprinted at the same time.

Mr. Durden stated to Agent McRae that he has had several requests from the Division and interested police organizations relative to what disposition obtained as to this individual in consequence of the arrest noted on March 29, 1928, but that as the matter was handled at Ocala, Florida, he has no disposition of this party.

It is suggested that the recording unit of the Identification Division be carefully checked for prints received on or about March 29, 1928, from the Police Department at Jacksonville and that this office be furnished with the names of the parties furnished under numbers 1, 2 and 3, as these persons were printed at Ocala coincidentally with Miller. Mr. Durden advised that these numbers were assigned to these prints as special numbers in order to segregate them from the regular Jacksonville prints and that Jacksonville Police were using much higher numbers at that time.

As soon as advice is received from the Division as to the names of the other three persons who were listed as numbers 1, 2 and 3, an Agent of the Jacksonville Office will attempt to secure all possible data concerning these parties at Ocala, Florida. It is doubtful that much information of value can be obtained at Ocala as records are not carefully preserved there.

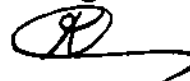
Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE ATCHICAGO

FINGERPRINTS EARL W. CHRISTMAN NOT IDENTICAL WITH LATENTS IN BUREAU AND  
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3951 Navy Building,  
Washington, D. C.,  
August 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
et al--NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Reference is made to your letter dated August 11, 1934 wherein you request that Mr. P. E. Dunn, now connected with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C. be interviewed relative to alleged information which he has in his possession, concerning the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Mr. P. E. Dunn, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Old Post Office Building, Washington, D. C., was interviewed by Special Agent A. Schroeder and advised that he has no further information to offer other than that furnished Special Agent John B. Little when the latter was stationed at the Division. Mr. Dunn stated that he had at no time claimed to possess information relative to the whereabouts of Dillinger, stating that all his information pertained to "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Dunn, who was formerly connected with the Civil Works Administration, was investigating irregularities for that organization in Logan County, Arkansas, during February, 1934, and at that time became associated with former Sheriff Mont Parrimore, Logan County, who according to Dunn after the former was aware that Dunn was only investigating civil irregularities, confided in him that "Pretty Boy" Floyd has a hideout approximately 30 miles north of Paris, Arkansas near a place where there is a river and a mountain. Hickson, first name unknown, who is a brother-in-law of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, also frequently hides out with Floyd. Dunn has never seen this location and was unable to give a more accurate location.

Dunn further stated that Parrimore according to rumor in Logan County was allied with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and also with one Harbeck, first name unknown, who was recently convicted of bank robbery and who at the time of his trial claimed to have been sheltered by Sheriff Parrimore for a period of ten days. Harbeck is also supposed to have stated that the bank robbery of the First National Bank at Paris was accomplished with the aid of ex-sheriff Parrimore. Sheriff Parrimore is also alleged to have told Dunn that Floyd has another hideout on the Mississippi River below St. Louis, at which latter place he goes when the authorities are pressing him too closely.



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Relative to the law enforcement officers of Johnson County, Yale County and Sebastian County, Mr. Dunn stated that he has no information derogatory to these individuals and as far as he knows they are honest.

It appears that the whole substance of Mr. Dunn's information was obtained through talking with ex-sheriff Parrimore and Mr. Dunn has no information concerning Floyd's whereabouts of his own knowledge.

Dunn further advised that a Mr. Charles K. Williams, President of the First National Bank of Elcomville, Arkansas, is at one time alleged to have stated that either Floyd or one of his henchmen approached Williams for the purpose of disposing of some "hot" money.

Very truly yours,

L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

AS:CMR  
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Oklahoma City  
Kansas City  
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August 21, 1934

Mr. E. P. Guinane,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
405 Post Office Building,  
San Francisco, California.

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CHRISTMAN WIFE EARL J. CHRISTMAN PERJURY

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 21, 1934.

Mr. Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 1270  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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AUG 25 1934

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased)  
RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I.O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR "PETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1194, ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to your letter of August 17, 1934, calling attention to the possibility that the ballistic evidence submitted by the Kansas City Police Department in connection with the recent killing of John Lazia may have been substituted by the Police Department; in order to have the Division assist in the search for Meyer Berman, and others, wanted by the Kansas City police.

The circumstances under which this ballistic evidence was given to this office are as follows:

On the afternoon of the day that Lazia was killed a telephone call was received from Lt. Rayen, of the Auto Theft Detail, requesting that an Agent familiar with the activities of Alvin Karpis and the Barkers call at the Police Department. Accordingly, two Agents of this office were referred to the Kansas City Police Department where they talked to the Director of Police, Otto P. Higgins, Chief of Detectives, Thomas J. Higgins, Lieutenant Rayen and H. F. McElroy. The Agents were advised that the Police Department had received information through a tip that the killers of Lazia were Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. The source of the information of the Police Department was not given to the Agents, nor was there any reference at that time to the ballistic specimens obtained by the police at the scene of the killing of Lazia.

After this information was furnished to the Division instructions were received to endeavor to obtain ballistic specimens for submission to the Division. On the evening of this same day I had a conference, accompanied by other Agents of this office, with representatives of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department,

including the Director of Police and the Chief of Detectives. At that time we requested that the Division be furnished with ballistic specimens and our request was acceded to by Director of Police Higgins without any hesitancy. He instructed Lieutenant Gordon, Identification man of the Department, to furnish us with specimens, and Lieutenant Gordon left the room for a short time, returning with a number of ballistic specimens and furnishing us with some of them for transmittal to the Division.

In view of the circumstances under which these specimens were obtained I do not think it possible that the theory which you advance is accurate. At the time the police advanced the idea that Karpis and Fred Barker were the perpetrators of the murder of Lazia I was of the opinion that this was done in order to interest the Division in Lazia's killing. The motive advanced by the Police Department in this regard does not seem probable, and no information has been received indicating the presence of these persons in Kansas City except the statement from the Police Department, presumably obtained from an unnamed informant.

This matter is being followed closely and the theory advanced by you will be given every consideration, although, as indicated, it does not seem to fit in with the circumstances as related above.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division  
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August 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 19, 1934, submitting fingerprints of Mrs. John Burke in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.#1218; Arthur R. Barker, with aliases I.O.#1219; et al, Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

Confirming my teletype messages of August 21 and August 22, 1934, you are advised that the fingerprints of Mrs. John Burke and of Earl W. Christman have been compared with the remaining unidentified latent impressions previously developed in connection with this case and also those previously developed in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased) et al; conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner, but in neither instance was any identification effected. The prior criminal record of Mrs. John Burke as disclosed by the main fingerprint files of the Division is as follows:

Subject as Helen Christman, #15835, arrested Sheriff's Office, Oakland, California, May 14, 1931, charge, perjury.

As Helen Christman, #22894/40714, arrested United States Marshal, San Francisco, California, May 13, 1931, charge, perjury.

Notation: "#22894-40714 USA San Francisco, California, not guilty (Directed Verdict)".

A transcript of the criminal record of Earl W. Christman as it appears in the main fingerprint files of the Division is transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:


Reference is made to the San Antonio Division Office letter dated August 9, 1934, addressed to the Division in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The fingerprints of Harold Right Haxley, our #743496, described in the above mentioned letter have been compared with the remaining unidentified latent impressions previously developed in connection with this case, but no identification has been effected. A transcript of the prior criminal record of Haxley as disclosed by the main fingerprint files of the Division is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan of the Kansas City Office telephoned that a former prohibition agent named "Fisher", now a bailiff attached to the United States Marshal's office at Kansas City, Missouri, who is employed only when the Court is in session, has approached the Kansas City Office with the proposition of assisting in the location of subject Floyd. Mr. Nathan stated that Fisher is interested in obtaining a reward if there be one, and even though there is no reward, that Fisher is willing to cooperate with the Division.

Fisher is a native of Bolivar, Missouri and is personally acquainted with Joe Richetti, brother of Adam Richetti. Fisher is also acquainted with an individual at Bolivar, Missouri who, in turn, is acquainted with the widow of one of the Young brothers, famous outlaws, who committed suicide at Houston, Texas several years ago; that this widow is known to be associating with Floyd on occasions and that Floyd was seen to leave her home on a recent occasion. Fisher has offered to accompany an Agent of the Division in one of the Division cars on a two day trip through southern Missouri for the purpose of putting the Agent in touch with reliable persons who are in a position to furnish information relative to Floyd and Richetti; that no compensation will be paid to Fisher except bare expenses not to exceed \$5.00 per day.

After discussing this matter with you, a telegram was directed to the Kansas City Office, authorizing the expenses with respect to Fisher, not to exceed \$5.00 per day.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
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AUGUST 22, 1934.

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, ~~Deceased~~,  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, ~~Fugitive~~,  
I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1194; ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

As a matter of interest and for the records of the Division and interested offices, there are transmitted, attached to this letter and the copies thereof, a typewritten copy of the Casualty Report of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, dated March 25, 1931, showing the details of the murder of William Ash and Wallace Ash, who were apparently killed by Charles Arthur Floyd as of that date at Kansas City, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Oklahoma City  
Little Rock

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

CASUALTY REPORT

Station #1  
Date March 25th, 1931 Time 11:45 P.M. Place 21st St. Rd & County Line  
Name William (Bill) Ash Holmes Apt's. 1424 Holmes St. Mo.  
Age 25, Nativity Kans. Occupation None  
Name Wallace (Wallie) Ash 750 Kansas  
Age 33 Nativity Kans. Occupation None

Nature and extent of injury or illness to person, or damage to property: Both men shot to death when taken for a "ride" and their car burned.  
Attending Physician Dr. E. B. Williams, County Coroner.

Where taken and by what means? Daniels Undertaking Establishment.

Cause and description: Two brothers, both narcotic addicts with long police records and known police and federal informers were taken for a "ride", their bodies riddled with bullets and their car burned about 11:45 PM March 25th on the 21st St. road near the county line, south and east of the Rosedale district. The men were later identified as -- William "Bill" Ash, 25 yrs old, Holmes Apt's. 1424 Holmes St. E. C. Mo., and his brother, Wallace "Wallie" Ash, 33 yrs old, 750 Kansas Ave. Dr. E. D. Williams, County Coroner, ordered the bodies removed to the Daniels Undertaking establishment. They are survived by their mother, Mrs. Sadie Ash, 1408 Holmes St. and William Ash leaves a wife, Mildred.

The two men, with their car, had been taken to a spot on the 21st St. Road, about a quarter of a mile south of the Merriam Rd, and both men shot down from the back on the side of the road near where the car was parked. Will Ash lay face down in a small ditch directly opposite the rear end of the burning motor car, and Wallie Ash lay about 20 ft. north in the same ditch, also face down. Both were dead when officers arrived in response to calls from neighbors. Will Ash was shot three times, - one shot had entered the back under the left shoulder blade and had come a little to the left of the heart, - two other shots had been fired into the back of his head at the left base of the brain and had come out at the forehead. Wallie Ash had been shot five times - one shot thru the left shoulder, another one in the center of the back that came out the abdomen, another one on the left side of the body directly under the left 11th rib, another one in the right shoulder that came out the right side of the neck and another one that entered at the left base of the brain and came out thru the right eye. Apparently every precaution had been taken by the murderers to make sure the men were dead, -- for the shots in the head of both men had been fired after they were down. The car, a Chevrolet Coach, 1930 model, Kansas license #1-17,766, motor #69108, was set afire and was burning furiously when officers arrived on the scene. It was demolished, and no possible chance of any clues left with the machine. Both men had been shot to death.

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with .45 cal. weapons, as two bullets were taken from the underclothing of Wallie Ash after the body had been removed to the morgue.

The nearest neighbor to where the affair took place is J. A. Grider, a farmer. His home is about 50 yards or so further south on the 11th St. road. He and his family were in bed when he was awakened by a succession of shots, he thought possibly six or eight. He got up and went to a window and peered out. As he watched, he saw the car burst into flames, and as the fire spread there came to his ears two more shots at about 10 second intervals apart. Grider said he heard no out-cry of any kind nor did he hear any other car drive away. Edward James, a farmer and John Smith a farmer, both living within a quarter of a mile of where the tragedy occurred, heard the shots as described by Mr. Grider. Grider dressed and ran to where the burning car was, but when he saw the two bodies laying in the ditch he hurried back to his home and drove into Rosedale to notify police of what had occurred. When we arrived, both men were dead and the car was burning furiously. Identification of both dead men was delayed considerably, due to the fact that we had to go to considerable trouble to procure the owner's name under which the license plate on the car was issued. The men had nothing on their person that would identify them. Wallie Ash had a small quantity of morphine and a hypodermic needle on him, a few minor trinkets, a stick pin with a \$10.00 gold piece on it, and a gold ring with a \$10.00 gold piece on it. Will Ash had nothing on him other than a few trinkets. Mrs. Sadie Ash, 1408 Holmes St., mother of the dead men, said Wallie Ash had about \$300.00 or \$400.00 on his person when she last saw him about 10:30 P.M. It was money he had drawn from his Veterans Bonus--of this amount there were two one hundred dollar bills, and the rest in smaller denominations. The mother advanced the theory that both boys had been the victims of persons who desired their death as a result of their activities as informers for police detectives and federal agents. More so, is sure that one Charlie Floyd, a notorious police character who has a life term hanging over him for bank robbery in Cleveland, Ohio, and a murder charge at Akron, Ohio, is responsible for the double killing. It is known that Floyd has been in and out of Kansas City recently after his escape from officers in Ohio where he plunged thru a train window to gain his freedom. Floyd is said to have killed a police officer in Akron, Ohio about three or four months ago -- and the Ash brothers were thought to be aiding the police in their effort to locate Floyd in Kansas City. The last time the Ash brothers were seen by anyone, was about 10:30 PM, when they drove past their mother's home, 1408 Holmes St., K.C.Mo., driving south on Holmes St. rapidly, and another car, close behind, apparently in pursuit of them. Jackie Marra, a sporting girl, who lives with Wallie Ash, was looking out the window at 1408 Holmes St. and saw them pass by in the Chevrolet coach. It belongs to Wallie, and she is quite sure that one or the other of the brothers waved to her as they drove by. Prior to their disappearance, both men had been talking to Bert Haycock, a city detective of K.C.Mo., and when Haycock left the two brothers drove away also, apparently to drive around the block. It was then that the Marra woman saw them drive south on Holmes St. They were not seen alive again.

Date March 26, 1931

Officer Capt. Beatty-Farrell-Kelly  
Avico, Lucas, Wigton, Schell  
Approved

Cap't. Beatty--

P O Box 536  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
August 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1876,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases  
(Deceased) RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1201;  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1194,  
ET AL. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A  
FEDERAL PRISONER. OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE. LA File 62-964

Mr. R. R. Stockburger, manager of the real estate department of the Title Insurance and Trust Company, 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, telephonically advised this office this morning that he had vital information with reference to the location of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Mr. Stockburger was subsequently contacted by an Agent of this office and he advised that there was a lady by the name of Mrs. Landon, who did washing for his mother, and that she had advised him indirectly that she had information from a nephew of hers from Shawnee, Oklahoma, to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in that vicinity.

Mr. Stockburger advised that there was a Mr. Landon, initials unknown, who is now residing in and around Shawnee, Oklahoma, and that Mr. Landon is married, and that his wife had written to Mrs. Landon here in Los Angeles advising her that she was very much disturbed over the fact that her husband was running around with the "Pretty Boy" Floyd gang.



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Mr. Stockburger was under the impression that there were two families by the name of Landon residing at Shawnee, Oklahoma, but he was not very definite about this; however, he was very sure of the fact that the Mr. Landon in question in this letter is married and is now working in and around Shawnee, Oklahoma in the oil fields.

Mr. Stockburger advised that he would not consider it advisable to contact Mrs. Landon and to talk to her regarding information which she had obtained from her nephew, and that she would be very resentful and probably would give no information at all, if contacted relative to letters received and conversations had with Mr. Stockburger. He also advised that his mother was not in close enough relation with Mrs. Landon to question her particularly in this matter.

This information is being forwarded to your office for your information and whatever action you may take in the premises.

Very truly yours,

JCS:AB

CC Division  
Kansas City

J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

AIR MAIL

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
August 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: Vernon O. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased);  
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1201; Charles Arthur  
"Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1194; et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -  
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith  
report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, of even  
date.

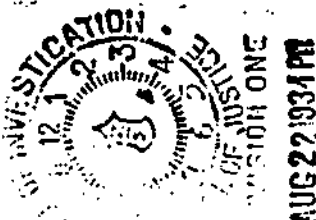
It is respectfully requested that your  
office make inquiry regarding the identity of C. McDonald,  
711 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan. In all probability  
he is a confidence man and may be associated with Richard  
Tallman Galatas. Through him, it is possible even though  
remotely so, that the apprehension of Galatas may be  
brought about.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division ✓



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Little Rock, Arkansas  
August 19th, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased);  
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1201; Charles Arthur  
"Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1194; et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -  
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith  
report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, of even  
date.

It is respectfully requested that your  
office make inquiry regarding the identity of Freddie  
Pitt, Harron Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. In all  
probability he is a confidence man and may be associated  
with Richard Tallman Galatas. Through him, it is possible  
even though remotely so, that the apprehension of Galatas  
may be brought about.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge



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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 20, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas,

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon G. Miller with aliases (Deceased);  
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases,  
I.O. #1801 - Fugitive; Charles Arthur  
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I. O.  
#1194 - Fugitive, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In the report submitted by Special Agent J. A. Street at San Antonio, Texas, dated October 30, 1933 in the above matter, reporting the apprehension of James Clark and Robert G. Brady at Tucumcari, New Mexico on October 8, 1933, it is to be noted that two women were interviewed by Agent Street, who represented themselves as the wives of the two fugitives; one Leona Defer represented herself as Mrs. Brady and one Beula Jackson represented herself as Mrs. Clark.

The Sheriff at Pawhuska, Oklahoma is desirous of determining whether one Goldie Johnson, a paramour of Jim Clark's, was with him prior to January 5, 1934. Goldie Johnson claims to have been connected with Clark only since that time. It is thought that the Beula Jackson referred to in the report of Agent Street is identical with Goldie Johnson and there are transmitted herewith two photographs, one of Beulah Clark, alias Ruth Clark, alias Mrs. Jim Clark, Okla. City P.D. No. 18002, and Goldie Johnson, Pawhuska, Okla. S.O. No. 4044, for the purpose of having Agent Street view them and advise whether these photographs are identical with Beula Jackson. The enclosed photographs are the same individual and should be returned to the Oklahoma City office when they have served their purpose.

This inquiry is being conducted as a matter of cooperation with the Sheriff's office at Pawhuska and it is desired that the matter be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Encl's.  
cc-Kansas City  
Division

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
August 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to your telegram of August 16th and reply from this office dated August 17th, 1934 in regard to the securing of a series of articles regarding the life of Charles Arthur Floyd, which appeared in the TRUE DETECTIVE MYSTERIES magazine from October 1933 to April 1934.

The articles in question apparently contain a studios account of the life of Floyd and many photographs; some of which may not be in the possession of the Division and which may be of value during the intensive investigation which is being conducted to bring about the apprehension of Floyd.

In connection with the request that your office secure certain issues of this magazine, please be advised that I consulted Assistant Director Harold Nathan before making the request.

Very truly yours,

L. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City  
Oklahoma City



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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 20, 1934

BB:CG  
62-456

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1901; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1194, et al;  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -  
Obstruction of Justice.

I am transmitting herewith a photostatic copy of the  
fingerprints of Adam Rascchetti. A similar copy of these prints  
is being forwarded the Kansas City office with a copy of this  
letter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Kansas City

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 20, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of communication from Agent  
R. E. Lawrence, enclosing copy of memorandum dated August  
16, 1934, at Siloam Springs in the matter of Vernon D.  
Miller, with aliases, et al.

I have read this memorandum carefully, and in  
accordance with our understanding, this can be incorporated  
in or made the basis of a report emanating from Little Rock.

Special Agent Lawrence seems to have a good  
grasp of the situation and to be enthusiastically busy.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Lawrence

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

August 20th, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased)  
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases,  
IO #1201 - Fugitive  
Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, IO  
#1194 - Fugitive, et al  
Conspiracy To Deliver Federal Prisoner  
Chicago File #62-1649

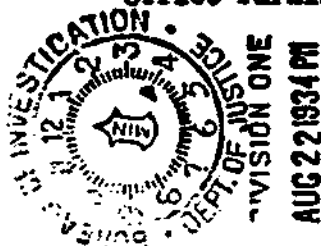
Attached hereto are two photographs of Mrs. John Burke, who has been identified as being identical with Helen Ferguson, who has from time to time been mentioned in the instant case.

Your attention is invited to the letter from Inspector H. H. Clegg of St. Paul to the Chicago Office, dated June 1st, 1934, relative to the John Dillinger case, a copy of which was furnished to you, concerning information obtained from Mrs. Beasie Green relative to Helen Ferguson, and specifically to that part of the letter which refers to the bungalow in Kansas City, Missouri, mentioned as one of the hideouts of the Kansas City Massacre Mob.

The Division has been requested to compare the fingerprints of Helen Ferguson with the latent evidence found at the house occupied by Verne Miller in Kansas City.

It is deemed advisable that the photographs of Mrs. John Burke be displayed to the persons at the Belle Claire Beauty Parlor, Armour Boulevard and Gillham Road, to ascertain if Mrs. Burke can be identified as one of the individuals who visited that Beauty Parlor with Vivian Mathis.

It is further requested that your file be reviewed and the Chicago Office furnished with any information it may contain concerning Helen



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Ferguson which is not already in possession of the Chicago Office.

As Mrs. Burke is now in custody of the Chicago Division Office, it is requested that this matter be given immediate attention and if any information of value is obtained that this Office be advised telephonically or by telegraph.

Very truly yours,

BCH:LW  
cc - Division

H. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

enc.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Little Rock, Arkansas  
August 20th, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 8th,  
1934, please be advised that Rand-McNally map index and the U. S.  
Postal Guide fail to reflect any towns in the state of Arkansas by  
the name of Earlsboro or Earshoro.

In connection with the above it is suggested  
that you have Special Agent Robert Jones make further inquiry of his  
brother, John Jones, Denton, Missouri. It is quite possible that  
Mr. Jones may have had another state in mind, possibly Oklahoma.

For the information of interested offices,  
there is being transmitted herewith, attached to copies of this  
letter, a copy of your communication to this office, dated August  
8th, 1934.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Kansas City  
Oklahoma City  
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
501 Reister Office Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,  
(Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN  
GALATES with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL  
PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

For your information please be advised that Special Agent Robert Jones of this office received a personal letter from his brother John Jones, Danton, Missouri today, pertinent portions of which are copied as follows:

"Some report that may be of use to the department about where 'Pretty Boy' Floyd lives. According to conversation I heard in Drug Store here. Some man who was citizen of Danton several years ago but now residing in town about 40 miles from Earlsboro, Ark. was making the following statement about Floyd: Floyd maintains residence in Earlsboro, Ark. and a man by the name of McNatt is with Floyd at all times when away from this residence. The population of the Earlsboro community seem to be in sympathy with Floyd and furnish him with much protection. This man claims to have seen Floyd and McNatt in a cafe in Earlsboro about four weeks ago he having known McNatt several years. McNatt has been employed by oil production co. some time back."

The above information is being forwarded to your office for consideration in connection with the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge,

WEP:JMS  
CC Division  
62-1649

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

August 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased);  
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.a.-  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201.  
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; et al  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

Transmitted herewith is an additional letter received  
from Mrs. Gertrude S. Preston of El Dorado, Kansas - dated  
8/19/34.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

August 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
600 Hector Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: Vernon C. Miller, s.a. (deceased);  
Richard Tallman Galatas, s.a.-  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; et al.  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith a letter received at this office from J.W. Mahaffey of Glenwood, Arkansas, under date of 8/20/34 - wherein he states that he and others believe a man in that vicinity to be DICK GALATAS.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMT  
cc Division  
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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

August 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Re; Vernon G. Miller, w.a. (deceased);  
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.a. -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801;  
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194. et al  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith another letter received at  
this office from Mrs. Gertrude S. Preston of 514 West Pine Ave.,  
El Dorado, Kansas; wherein she again mentions the name of  
Charles Arthur Floyd.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMT  
cc Division  
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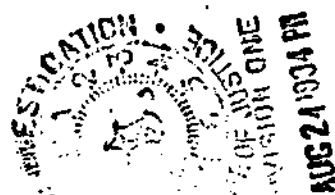
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E E CONROY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
600 RECTOR BUILDING  
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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE LETTER RECEIVED FROM J W MAHAFFEY TELEPHONE TWO ONE  
GLENWOOD ARKANSAS STATES HE BELIEVES DIK GALATTAS LOCATED NEAR THERE SAYS  
MAN HE HAS IN MIND RESEMBLES GALATTAS VERY MUCH EXCEPT AS TO AGE

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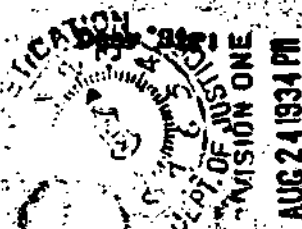


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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
New York City, New York



RE: **VERNON G. MILLER** with aliases, Detained  
**RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS** with aliases -  
**FUGITIVE, I.O. #1501**  
**CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD** with aliases -  
**FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al**  
**CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy  
dated at New York City, August 17, 1934.

A perusal of the magazine issued forwarded to this office as  
secured from the publishers of the "True Detective Mysteries" indicates  
certain photographs which are desired for use by the Division in the  
instant investigation.

If it is possible to secure copies of these photographs from the  
publishers of the magazine, it is requested that same be forwarded to  
the Division in order that appropriate offices may be furnished with  
additional copies.

These photographs appear as follows:

Page 28, October, 1933 issue, photograph of Rose Ash Baird.  
Page 47, November, 1933 issue, photograph of Beulah Baird.  
Page 48, November, 1933 issue, photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd.  
Page 55, December, 1933 issue, photograph of Floyd and his wife,  
Ruby.  
Page 47, January, 1934 issue, photograph of Mrs. Ruby Floyd.  
Page 54, March, 1934 issue, photograph of Mrs. Ruby Floyd and  
son, Jack Dempsey Floyd.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

WFT:B  
cc - Division -  
Little Rock  
62-760

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: **VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased, et al**  
**CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER**

RE: **ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218**  
**ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al**  
**EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM**  
**KIDNAPING**

On August 16, 1934, Mr. G. P. Cowley, of your office, telephoned and requested that Eddie Dell be interviewed at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in reference to a hideout he was alleged to have made arrangements to use in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer of Oklahoma City. In this connection Mr. Cowley pointed out that Kathryn Kelly had furnished information to Agent in Charge Larson, of the Detroit Office, that the hideout in question was operated by a criminal in Aurora, Illinois. Mr. Cowley requested that an effort be made to determine the identity of the criminal in question.

On August 17, 1934, Special Agent H. E. Anderson interviewed Dell, who emphatically denied that he had ever in any way been connected with either the planning or execution of the Bremer kidnaping. He stated that a short time prior to the kidnaping, while he, George Kelly, Kathryn Kelly and George Bates were in Indianapolis, they entered into a discussion relative to the "snatch racket", at which time it was suggested that they kidnap some individual instead of robbing a bank as they had theretofore planned. Dell stated he insisted that he did not care to participate in any more kidnapings and that he was going to confine his activities to his old endeavors - bank robbing. Shortly after that, while the party was driving in George Kelly's Cadillac Sedan and the mob's Chevrolet in the vicinity of Indianapolis, Dell and Bates got into an altercation at which time they decided to split, Bates going with the Kellys. Dell said that Kelly, Bates and he tossed a coin to determine who should receive the machine gun they had and that Bates was the lucky one. The question of disposing of the Chevrolet Sedan, which was jointly owned by the trio, then came up and Bates bought it, paying Kelly and Dell approximately \$200.00 each. Dell said that he immediately left the rest of the members of the mob, intending to have nothing further to do with them.

2. Although Dell was questioned at considerable length regarding the alleged hideout at Aurora, Illinois, he maintained that he had no knowledge of such a place. He remarked that the information had undoubtedly come from Kathryn Kelly, who apparently was giving good as well as bad information. He advised that he was at a loss to understand how anyone could have stated he had a hideout at Aurora, but said that he had a bootlegger friend, an ex-convict, whose name he did not care to divulge, who had met Kelly and looked after him for three or four days on one occasion.

Very truly yours,

E. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 22, 1934.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ONE

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED;  
RICHARD TALMAN DALAZAS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194; ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

Pursuant to telephonic request of Special Agent R. C. Suran, of your office, Special Agent E. E. Andersen conducted the following interviews at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in an endeavor to locate a criminal record of one "Big Homer", whom Agent Suran informed was reported to have been incarcerated in the penitentiary for ten years prior to 1927 for Post Office Robbery, having been sentenced from the West Coast. It is noted that according to Agent Suran's informant this individual was known under the name of Whitey alias Svede Whitey.

A thorough search of the records at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, failed to reveal that any individual named "Whitey" or under the alias of "Svede Whitey", had ever been an inmate there. Numerous inquiries were made through the Warden's Office of guards and convicts but no information relative to this individual could be obtained. The Kansas City Office has previously attempted to locate a record of Big Homer at Leavenworth without success, although Edward Doll positively states that Big Homer was at one time incarcerated therein prior to 1924.

George Kelly Barnes, alias George Kelly, advised that he did not know the correct name of Big Homer but believed that it was Ed Doolie. He was of the opinion that Big Homer had never been an inmate of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, and said that if Big Homer had a prison record in the Mid-West it was probably at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. He was unable to furnish any definite information to indicate that Big Homer has been an inmate of the State Institution heretofore mentioned. It should be noted that when talking to Agent Andersen Barnes admitted that he had furnished considerable information relative to various cases which had been basically true, and that at the same time he had furnished such information which was worthless. He left the impression that the value of information imparted by him would depend

largely upon his word.

Francis L. Keating stated, as he had heretofore to Agent Anderson, that he had met Big Homer but had never been intimately acquainted or associated with him. He denied knowing whether Big Homer had ever served a term in the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Thomas Holden, while admitting that he knew Big Homer slightly, denied he had any knowledge as to whether this individual had ever served at Leavenworth. Holden said that he had merely met Big Homer a time or two in Chicago, as he remembered, and had never been associated with him.

Edward Doll, alias Larue, stated that he had never heard of Big Homer going under the name of Whitey or Swede Whitey and expressed the doubt that the man in question was known by that name. He was questioned as to whether Big Homer had ever used the name Ed Doolie and stated he was certain that that name was not the correct name of his acquaintance whom, he informed, bore the correct name of Homer Wilson.

As an aid in locating Big Homer and checking his antecedents, Doll advised that Homer, his wife Margaret, and a sister of the latter, vacationed at the Majestic Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, sometime during the Winter of 1928 or Spring of 1929, under their correct names. At that time, as he recollected, they were driving a Packard Sedan.

A photograph of Mrs. Homer Wilson and her child, which had been previously furnished this office by the Chicago Office of the Division, was exhibited to Doll and he immediately advised that the photograph of the woman was a likeness of Mrs. Homer Wilson, whom he knew as Margaret. At that point he stated that during his continuous association with Big Homer, Homer had at various times intimated that he was tired of his wife and would leave her were it not for the baby.

In connection with Doll's statement that Big Homer Wilson and his family resided at the Majestic Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, as previously set forth, it is requested that the Little Rock Office conduct investigation at that point for the purpose of securing information regarding this individual and his connections. A photograph of Mrs. Homer Wilson is being furnished to the Little Rock Office herewith to aid in the investigation, and it is requested that same be returned to this office when it has served its purpose.



For the information of the Little Rock Office, Big Homer alias Homer Wilson, is a suspect in this case and his location is desired. The best available description of Big Homer seems to have been secured from Eddie Doll, which was furnished to Agent Anderson, and is as follows:

AGE	From 40 to 45
HEIGHT	6'2"
WEIGHT	215 lbs.
BUILD	Muscular
HAIR	Brown
COMPLEXION	Light
DRESS	Very neat and wears especially good clothes.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

HEA:os  
cc - Division  
2 - Little Rock (Encl.)

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON O. MILLER with aliases, deceased  
RICHARD FALLMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1104, et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There are transmitted herewith by registered mail, special delivery, to you copies of the "True Detective Mysteries" magazine for the months of October, November and December, 1933, and January, February, March and April, 1934, which contain the complete series of an article entitled "Stalking Pretty Boy Floyd - The Man of One Hundred Graces".

Your attention is called to the report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, dated at New York City, August 17, 1934. This office will secure, as soon as possible, from the original source of the data shown in the article, who is located in Kansas City, any and all information which may be of value in the location of Charles Arthur Floyd. This office is requesting the New York City office to furnish it with such photographs as are not already in possession of the Division, of Floyd and his associates who are now living, which photographs appear in the magazine issues in question.

Please return these magazine issues to the New York City office, by registered mail, as soon as they have served their purpose in your office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased;  
RICHARD TALMAN (ALATES), with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1194; ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Pursuant to recent telephonic request made by Special Agent R. C. Suran to the Kansas City Office, there are transmitted herewith two photographic views of Mrs. Frances Mikulich Nash, which were taken by newspaper photographers at Kansas City, Missouri, during June and July 1933. She was not photographed by any official photographer while here. These photographs are excellent likenesses of her. It may be noted that the photographs in question are copyrighted by the Associated Press and were secured from the Kansas City Star newspaper.

There is also enclosed a copy of photograph of Louis Stacci, Subject in this case, which was requested by Agent Suran. This photograph was taken at the County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, during August 1933, while Stacci was incarcerated here in the instant case. It is not considered the best likeness of him due to poor photography. You are advised that the Chicago Daily Tribune for August 8, 1933, carries a photograph of Stacci taken at the time of his arrest in Chicago before removal to Kansas City, and no doubt the negative would be available for your use.

Similar copies of these photographs are being transmitted with a copy of this letter to the Division for the completion of its files.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. RATHAN

SPECIAL AGENT IN

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Fla. /	DATE WHEN MADE Aug. 21, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Aug. 15, 1934	REPORT MADE BY G. E. Malone, Jr.
TITLE Vernon C. Miller with aliases, (deceased); Richard Tailman Galatas, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194			CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information obtained Miami, Florida, to the effect that "Curly" is Henry Beckman, who was chauffeur to Ed O'Hara, owner of the Miami Beach Kennel Club. O'Hara's crowd, which was formerly part of Al Capone's mob, now in Cicero, Illinois.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated August 9, 1934.

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

Captain Frank Mitchell, Miami Police Department, Auto Theft Detail, advised the writer that in 1932, in connection with an investigation to locate Frank Nash, that he had apprehended one Lee Turner, who was a fugitive from Danville, Illinois. Turner was a close associate of Frank Nash and has since been killed somewhere in Indiana. Captain Mitchell advised that at the time Turner was taken into custody, Henry Beckman, who was known as "Curly" was also arrested. Curly was a chauffeur of Ed O'Hara, who is the operator of the Miami Beach Kennel Club. The Miami Beach Kennel Club has been closed for the summer for some time and will not reopen until Fall, and at the present time O'Hara and his crowd, which was formerly a part of Al Capone's mob, are at Cicero, Illinois, where they go during the summer months.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. C. Suran</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-277	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 24 1934
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A description of Henry Beckman, alias "Curly", is as follows:

Name	Henry Beckman
Age	36 years
Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	194 pounds
Build	Stout
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Florid
Occupation	Clerk
Born	Chicago, Illinois
Arrested	Miami, Fla. 3-31-32, charge investigation; released
FPC	51 W I 19 17 W 0 14
Police number	Miami, Fla. PD #5098

A photograph of Henry Beckman, alias "Curly" was obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Miami Police Department, and is being forwarded to the Chicago Division Office.

The attention of the Chicago Office is invited to the report of Special Agent J. L. McCaffrey, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 5, 1932, in the case entitled WILL GREEN, deceased; GEORGE CURTIS, deceased; GROVER DURILL, deceased; STANLEY BROWN; TOM UNDERWOOD; CHARLES HERTA; EARL THAYER; FRANK NASH, FUGITIVE; THOMAS HOLDEN, I.O. 1127, FUGITIVE; FRANCIS KEATING, I.O. 1129, FUGITIVE; et al, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS; PROCURING ESCAPE OF FEDERAL PRISONERS. This report reflects that the Chicago Division Office received two copies of same, and on page three information concerning one Frank Curley is set out.

Special Agent Roger L. Main, of the Jacksonville Division Office, resident Agent at Miami, Florida, advised that Frank Curley has been operating a cafe known as "Curley's Cafe", at Ocean Drive and 4th Street, Miami, Florida, for the past four or five years, and that he is not in any way connected with the Miami Beach Kennel Club.

A photograph of Frank Curley is also being forwarded to the Chicago Division Office.

## UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will exhibit the enclosed photographs to Madeline Dorsey in an effort to have her identify the man whom she knew as "Curly" at the Miami Beach Kennel Club, in Miami, Florida, and conduct the necessary investigation in connection therewith.

PENDING.



August 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of August 8, 1934, concerning four test bullets and cartridge cases received in the Division laboratory from your office in connection with the case entitled Vernon O. Miller (Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. Your early advice as to the model and serial number of the gun through which these specimens were fired is desired.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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SOUTHWEST HOTELS, INCORPORATED

H. GRADY MANNING, PRESIDENT

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*Boy to boy's charm  
here. To boy's Inoch is  
now working at Midway  
Bar. Week ends is  
his' hobby here  
Very truly -*

*Melli Greenman 115*



Department of Justice  
Washington D.C.

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Hot Springs Ark -  
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Sir - I have been in conversation with two different drifters at the Tourist camp at the Forge - this place it sounds logical and plausible to me. and may give you a new angle on the "Pretty Boy" Floyd case. These fellows come in from Okla. and the underground dope is that a group of Bankers that was robbed by Floyd is protecting him because the insurance money saved them from disgrace. the story of one is - was in Tulsa broke and hungry - scrounged up courage to brace a well dressed man in front of a Hotel he was interested and sorry. had only 40¢ in his pocket. but said this will help some and if you will come back here - about 8 o'clock I'll make it worth while. the fellow was hungry. so he went and got a lunch - rambling around the town he thought the waiter over - tried to give it up - having nothing else to do - he thought he would see it through - he waited on the opposite side of the street - his man came out - picking his teeth he looked up

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we followed a few brief moments of questions -  
handing the fellow 50.00 he said I am Pretty Boy -  
Floyd. you go back Home if I want to drop in  
there for ten days or two weeks. with no question  
Mr. you can stay for a month if you want to -  
in certain things this that springs lunch is  
rotten double Crosser. (Detectives were so. than the  
Police) Galathea is rumored to be in hiding  
among some of the lake cottages probably a  
care taker for an official Owner.  
I have been a Marshall-Deputy Sheriff - in MO - and  
Colorado - and have been a Special here - but can't  
work with this lunch here  
this may give a new lead that will uncover  
something.

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Yours Truly  
J. L. Thomas  
The Valley Route

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August 27, 1934

Mr. E. L. Thomas,  
Mountain Valley Route,  
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

97308

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 21, 1934 addressed to the Department of Justice, wherein you set forth information with respect to the "Pretty Boy Floyd" case. Please be advised that I have referred a copy of your letter to Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 500 Foster Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, who will assign an Agent to interview you regarding this matter, in the very near future.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Oklahoma City (copy of Mr. Thomas' letter forwarded)  
Kansas City  
Little Rock

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EPC:ON

August 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Referring to Mr. Edwards telephone call to you this evening regarding Mr. Appel's identification of the breach bolt of a machine gun reported found in a lagoon in Chicago on July 27th with cartridge shells found at the scene of the Kansas City Massacre, there is transmitted herewith for your consideration in this connection a microphotograph representing a magnified section of the breach block on the right in juxtaposition to a magnified section of the primer of the cartridge shell on the left. The markings of the breach can be followed generally through the dividing hair line into the impressions on the cartridge case.

Identifying marks on the firing pin of this gun have also been found to be similar to markings in the cartridge cases.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

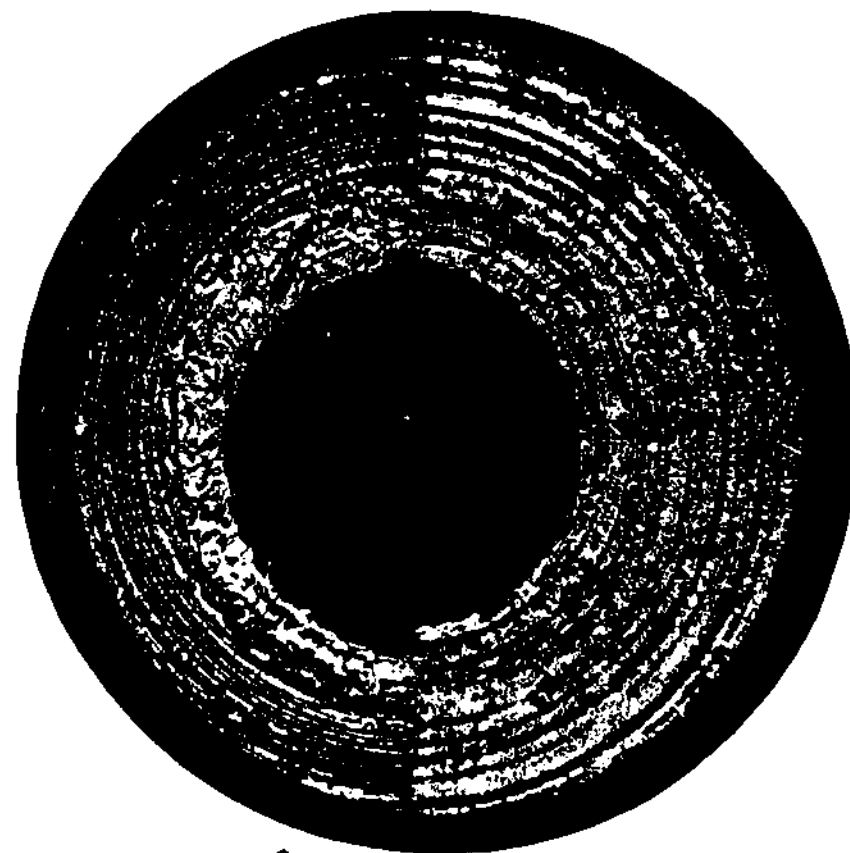
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SHELL BOLT

SHELL RECOVERED AT KANSAS CITY PLAZA  
BOLT OF MACHINE GUN RECOVERED IN LAGOON CHICAGO.

1531 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
August 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1270,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Re: **VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deseased)**  
**RICHARD TRILMAN GALATAS with aliases,**  
**I.O. #1001 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARNOLD**  
**"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O.**  
**1194 - FUGITIVE - et al**  
**Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners.**

Reference is had to report of Agent Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, 8-2-34 and to page 9 thereof quoting a report made by confidential informant in which he refers to relatives of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd being located in Georgia.

If you will look in that section of the file which was current at the time I left Oklahoma City in January, this year, you will find copy of a letter which I wrote to either the Birmingham or Jacksonville office concerning letters which were being given to a certain mail carrier in a spot some ten miles, I believe, from the Floyd home near Salinas and which letters were directed to a certain person in Georgia, the exact address being unremembered by me at this time. The person who gave me this information was confident that Floyd's relatives were communicating with him through this address and as I recall I requested investigation by either the Birmingham or Jacksonville office, I am not certain which as I do not recall in what section of Georgia the address was. I believe that if this matter is checked up it will reveal the location of the alleged relatives of Pretty Boy Floyd in Georgia.

Further, in connection with relatives of Charles Pretty Boy Floyd, particularly those living in California, you are advised that Floyd formerly had an uncle, H.B. Brown, who resided at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and who had two sons, either grown or about grown, and that Special Agent George Franklin, now attached to the Oklahoma City office, when residing in Albuquerque was a more or less constant visitor at the Brown place.

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CC Kansas City.  
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where he engaged in rifle practice with the Brown boys who were very devoted to that pastime. My latest information as to the location of H.S. Brown since he left Albuquerque is that he resided for a time at 6081 Riverside Ave., Riverside, Calif., but a later address is at 17707 Erwin St., Roseda, Calif., which was in 1933. He was then the owner of a 1931 Chrysler Sedan, engine #CM-81 195, Factory #4548788, California 1933 license plates #5 2-540, registered to Mattie B. Brown, the legal owner being the Pacific Southwest Discount Corp'n. The Automobile Club of Southern California will probably have up to date information as to the present address of Brown and any automobile owned by him as he is apparently a member of the Automobile Club of Southern California. Agent Franklin can no doubt give you full information, if you do not already have it, relative to members of the Brown family.

With reference to your letter of August 14, 1934 requesting that one Lloyd P. Smith be interviewed at the Veterans Hospital at Albuquerque relative to the identity of one Inez M. Loving, I expect to be in Albuquerque during the coming week and will cover that angle.

With reference to memorandum submitted by this office on August 11, 1934 concerning information furnished by Robert Lewis, city marshal at Magdalena, N.M., to the effect that one Tom Tippetter near Quamdo, N.M., was a close friend of Charles Floyd and that the latter spent some time at Tippetter's ranch last winter, I have intended to make further investigation, but have not made a special trip to that vicinity as the informant, Robert Lewis, although believed to be honest, is not entirely reliable owing to the infirmities of age. However, when next an agent is in that vicinity on other business an effort will be made to check on the report.

Having reference to letter directed to this office on August 14 by Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, please be advised that upon conclusion of the grand jury at Albuquerque during the coming week I will endeavor to arrange to have Agent Street take an extended trip with a view to covering the possibilities of Floyd's contacting parties in New Mexico and will have him devote some time to gathering all available information, including the situation around Quamdo, N.M. In case Mr. Nathan is not now at Oklahoma City, kindly forward him a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RHC:bg

Room 1405  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

RAS:PS  
82-1000

August 24, 1934

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1281.  
CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD  
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194.  
EDWARD PHILLIPS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, ET AL.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal  
Prisoner -- Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

As a result of the mail cover placed upon all mail directed to LEON and MELLIE LOUQUET of Freehold, N.J., you are advised that a letter was received addressed to Mrs. Leon Louquet, 47-1st Street, Freehold, N.J., bearing an illegible postmark believed to be Ballisaw, Okla., tracing of which is transmitted herewith to the Oklahoma City office.

The letter itself was written on a sheet of white paper perforated for loose-leaf notebooks. The approximate dimensions of the paper are as follows:

Width - 8-1/8 in.

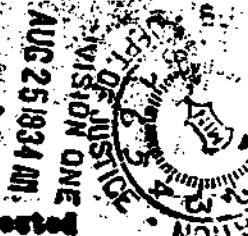
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2 holes 3/16 in. in diameter located 2-5/16 in. from either end of the paper and 3/8 in. in from the edge of the paper. The faint blue horizontal lines are 3/16 to 5/8 in. apart and commence at 1 1/2 in. from the top of the front of the paper. Similar rulings appear on the back of the paper as does also a perpendicular marginal red line 1-5/8 in. from the edge of the paper.

The letter in the right hand corner indicates it to have been written at Ballisaw, Okla., dated August 21, 1934. It is addressed to Mrs. Leon Louquet and reads as follows:

"Dear Friend

I received your letter sometime ago, but I was out in the Country at my youngest son's (who have a new baby boy) and we have had so much trouble lately that I just couldn't write.- My youngest daughter, Mary's, husband



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died suddenly on Sunday Aug. 12, from the heart.- It was such a shock to us.- She has two children and we have rooms in town now, she is working in a cafe and I keep the children.-

I can't say for sure whether we are related or not, I don't doubt but what we are, we come from Georgia and there were several Floyd's that went to different places from there.- When I see my husband's father I will talk it over with him and will probably know more about it by the time you ans. this and tell me more of your husband's folks.-

Ans. soon & I will try to next time.

Your friend

Mrs. Mayne Floyd  
Sallisaw, Okla.

There appeared to be nothing on the face of this letter which would indicate the possibility of its being a code and it is noted that the letter throughout makes sense and good reading.

This information was procured in compliance with the request of the Oklahoma City office under date of August 7, 1934, and as suggested in the letter of that date, this coverage is being continued.

It may be noted that the information above set forth was obtained without difficulty. However, anticipating difficulty, a previous letter dated August 14, 1934, requesting certain items, was directed to the Oklahoma City office. Particular and expeditious attention is requested in connection with this letter so that misfortune will not be encountered in maintaining this cover in the future, which will accordingly assist this office materially in complying with your request.

Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division  
Kansas City (Air Mail)

1531 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
August 22, 1934.

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DIVISION ONE



MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN, alias, with aliases,  
I.O.#1801 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O.  
#1196 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

On August 19, 1934 this agent met one G. A. Griffin who stated that he believed he had valuable information which might possibly lead to the apprehension of Charles A. Floyd. Mr. Griffin was advised to come to the office of the Division of Investigation the next day and relate in detail just what information he had.

On August 20 Mr. Griffin called at the El Paso office and was interviewed by the writer and agent Street. He advised that his name was G. A. Griffin, 1025 Myrtle Ave., telephone Main 2112, El Paso, and that he was a special officer of the El Paso Police Department, working under Chief Robey. He stated that he had formerly lived in Durant, Okla., and had been a superintendent of schools and had taught school in various counties in Oklahoma; that by reason of this occupation he had become acquainted with Pretty Boy Floyd and knew him by sight and to speak to slightly. He advised that he has a male acquaintance named Rose who visits a woman named Yedda Howard who is the sister of a close personal friend of Mr. Griffin, Mr. Griffin's friend being Mrs. L. L. Lewis of El Paso. Mrs. Lewis presently is visiting Yedda Howard at Wade, Okla.

According to Mr. Griffin he met last April in Juarez the Rose above referred to and the latter at that time was accompanied by Pretty Boy Floyd and two other men unknown to Mr. Griffin. A conversation was had between Griffin and Rose, in the course of which Rose stated that Floyd and the other two men were then engaged in running whiskey from Chihuahua, Mexico, through Columbus, N.M., thence through El Paso or by a northern route into Kansas City or St. Louis, Mo. They were supposed to be making a trip every three weeks and on these trips made it a practice to stop over at the home of Yedda Howard.

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Mr. Griffin advised that he has not since seen Floyd, none of the others but he is positive in his statement that he recognized Floyd on the occasion mentioned. He stated he has not heretofore given this information to any other official agency because he did not know the proper agency to which it should be revealed and he is now motivated to give it to this office in view of the fact that he is now a law enforcement officer himself. Mr. Griffin was advised that his information will be treated in confidence and it was suggested that he contact Mrs. Lewis upon her return from her present visit at the home of Veda Howard in order to learn whether or not the parties involved have recently been in Wads, Oklahoma. Mrs. Lewis is expected to return within ten days, after which time Mr. Griffin will call at the El Paso office again with whatever further information he is able to secure.

T. E. Myers,  
Special Agent.

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## DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri.****St. Paul** FILE NO. **62-888**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/10, 11, 14, 15, 17/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. C. Coulter</b>
TITLE: <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - Absconded; RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194, et al. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO RELIEVE FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>Residence of <b>ISABEL MATILDA BORN</b> located three miles west of Mankato, Minnesota; however, her whereabouts not as yet determined. <b>CHARLES J. FITZGERALD</b> and <b>NASH</b> believed to have been in liquor business with headquarters in Chicago; however, place where they resided in St. Paul in June/Not established. <b>FITZGERALD</b> was in Minneapolis about Christmas, 1933. No indication that <b>CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD</b> has been in the vicinity of Watertown, South Dakota.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent F. G. Melvin, St. Paul, Minnesota, July 17, 1934; letter from Kansas City Division office dated August 1, 1934; and letters from Omaha Division office dated July 19, 1934, and June 2, 1934.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>MR. MELVIN PASSOLT</b> of the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, was contacted on August 10, 1934, and he stated that the information he received was to the effect that <b>CHARLES J. FITZGERALD</b> and <b>FRANK NASH</b> were in the liquor business with headquarters in Chicago, and while he did not know where they stayed in St. Paul, he heard that they were seen in the St. Paul Hotel lobby together. However, he did not know that they actually occupied a room there and if they did, what floor it may have been on or the name either used. He stated that he is very anxious to apprehend <b>FITZGERALD</b> as he wanted to show him before the victims of some bank robberies in this State.</p>			
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which occurred in 1931; however, he stated that he had previously exhibited FITZGERALD'S photograph but it had never been identified as participant in a bank robbery in this State.

Inquiry was made at the Hotel St. Paul of the present Assistant Manager, who was formerly a clerk, all clerks, the cashier, and the bellboys, and the photograph of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD exhibited to them but they were unable to identify it as that of a guest at the hotel in the past. The clerk stated, however, that the photograph did look familiar but that they were not able to state that it was a photograph of a former guest. The index to the registrations was checked under FITZGERALD'S correct name and aliases; however, no information of value was found in this connection.

The current City Directory lists JOHN B. DAVENPORT (wife, MARY B.) as residing at 4109 Columbus Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. About a month prior to the date of this investigation, a confidential informant of the St. Paul Division office, whose name has been furnished to the Director, advised this agent that DAVENPORT had opened a gambling "joint" at 311 Hennepin Avenue and a bar at 301 Hennepin Avenue, both Minneapolis, and that he was also supposed to be interested in the liquor store operated by BENNY HARRIS at Fourth and Wabasha Street, which is known as the Ramsey County Liquor Store.

The name of ISABEL MATILDA BORN does not appear in any of the current City Directories.

JOHN B. DAVENPORT, who is known as JACK DAVENPORT, is personally known to agent; and this agent, during the first two or three months of 1934, in company with other agents, searched DAVENPORT'S home at 4109 Columbus Avenue but no one was observed there other than DAVENPORT, his wife, and small child.

Agent contacted DAVENPORT at the Hennepin Buffet, 301 Hennepin Avenue, on August 10, 1934, advising him that this agent desired to locate a MR. BORN. He stated that the BORNs were not related to him or his wife but were very good friends and that BORN is a retired sergeant major of the Army, having served at one time at Fort Snelling and it being his understanding that he retired at some post in the State of Texas about 1920 or 1922; he stated that BORN is a big man with black eyes, and that he is possibly 58 or 60 years old at this time and that he has no occupation other than that of a soldier; and it is further his understanding that BORN is residing some place in the State of Indiana at the present time; and that he is a member of the Masons and that his present whereabouts could

undoubtedly be secured through the War Department. He stated that he knew BORN as WILLIAM BORN and did not know whether he had a middle initial.

He further advised that MRS. BORN is no longer living with WILLIAM BORN and that he does not know where she is, although it seems to him that he had heard she is down east somewhere. He stated that he had not seen BORN for approximately twelve years and that it had been a number of years since he had seen MRS. BORN.

He further advised agent that he had not been out of Minneapolis since he had been tried for robbery of a bank at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during 1925 and that he had no desire to associate with criminals.

In this connection, MR. PASSOLT, as well as Detective WILLIAM J. MCKEAN of the Minneapolis Police Department, advised agent that DAVENPORT had been scared to death since he was extradited to Wisconsin and that he apparently has made an effort to cut loose from all underworld connections, although MR. MCKEAN stated that he knew that DAVENPORT and FITZGERALD are friends and according to information he had received some time back, FITZGERALD was visiting in Minneapolis around Christmas, 1933, and that he purchased a Buick automobile in Minneapolis. He stated that his informant furnished him the license number of this car and wrote it down in a book but that he had since been unable to locate this book.

He was again contacted several days later and advised agent along the same lines.

With reference to ISABEL MATILDA BORN, he stated that he absolutely knew she was from Mankato, Minnesota, but that he did not know her whereabouts although he heard, after he had the interview with Agent Melvin, that she had been seen at the Plantation Inn, a night club on White Bear Lake. However, he could not learn whom she was with or whether she in fact was with anyone or where she is residing at the present time.

MR. MCKEAN stated that he would keep this matter in mind and whenever the opportunity presented itself, he would make guarded inquiry in an effort to determine the whereabouts of ISABEL and that he would do everything possible to assist this Division in locating her.

As a point of information, Detective MCKEAN has a wide acquaintance with criminals, is very cooperative, and has many times in the past been of assistance to the St. Paul Division office.

Inquiry was made of Master Sergeant HARRY J. HERTZ, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, who advised that he did not personally know WILLIAM BORN and after examination of the records, he stated that the records fail to indicate that there had ever been a soldier in that Post by such a name. However, he stated that was not conclusive evidence that such a man had not served there.

On August 6, 1934, Special Agent W. B. Matney of the St. Paul Division office conducted the following investigation at Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Watertown, South Dakota:

Agent interviewed MRS. FRANK F. HASS, who stated that her husband had been transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska, and that he was living at 1020 J Street in that city but that at the present time he was in Omaha, Nebraska, on an assignment and that she did not know where he could be reached there but that he expected to return to Lincoln, Nebraska, and that he could be reached at the above address in Lincoln and that he is still associated with the Treasury Department, Bureau of Industrial Alcohol. As agent could not locate this man at this time due to the fact that his family do not know where he is located in Omaha, agent is returning this to the St. Paul office so that an agent from the Omaha office can contact MR. HASS and ascertain the location of his informant and in that way contact the convict now confined in Sioux Falls. HASS is expected to return to Lincoln in about three or four days.

L. P. JOHNSON, Chief of Police, Watertown, South Dakota, was contacted on August 3, 1934, and he stated that he did not have any information as to Pretty Boy Floyd being in or around Watertown and that he had identification orders in a conspicuous place in his office and all of his officers had studied it and that he had received no reports from his officers or others as to FLOYD being in that locality and was of the opinion that if they had been there they would have been noticed. MR. JOHNSON remarked that he would keep this in mind and in case any report was received by him, he would contact the St. Paul office immediately.

A letter was directed to the Omaha Division office with reference to the informant of MR. FRANK F. HASS, and a letter has been received from the Omaha office advising that the informant in question is MILO IRWIN, who is doing a 3-1/2 year sentence on a forgery charge, having been sentenced at Redfield, South Dakota, and that the name of the informant at Redfield can be secured through DONALD COLE, Deputy Sheriff at that place.



On August 16, 1934, this agent was in Mankato, Minnesota, in connection with another matter and at that time made confidential inquiry of PAT HENRY, Chief of Police, and FRANK W. CORD, Sheriff. After a conference with these men and calling the name of ISABEL BORN, they recalled that she is known as BELLE BORN and that they have had her placed under observation for a number of years but that they have been unable to secure any information as to her activities, although she apparently has no means of support and according to Chief HENRY, she spends much of her time in Chicago, Illinois, and appears to be flushed with money on her return to Mankato. He stated that he had not seen her for approximately five or six months.

These officers drove agent out on U. S. Highway 169 west of Mankato and designated the residence of BELLE BORN.

The County Directory of Blue Earth County reflects that BELLE BORN and MAY MUKRENBURG reside on a farm in Section 22, South Bend Township, consisting of 153 acres. According to Chief HENRY, he never heard of MAY MUKRENBURG and has no idea as to her identity; however, he stated that BELLE BORN keeps a maid at the place at all times.

Later in the day, this agent made a further physical inspection of the location in question, which is more accurately described as being approximately three miles west of Mankato on U. S. Highway 169 and about 150 feet east of the road which leads to the Key South Gun Club. The house in question is the third house on the east side of the road which leads off the main arterial highway, in a southerly direction. The house is a small square frame bungalow with a faded red colored top, having basement and electric lights which are operated by a Delco plant on the premises. The house is located in a small valley and is barely visible from the highway, the road leading past the house ends one-fourth mile from the highway at the farm of JACOBSON, who is engaged in truck farming. A physical inspection disclosed that a telephone line runs in to this house; however, the name of ISABEL BORN or MAY MUKRENBURG is not listed in the Mankato Telephone Directory.

While passing this house on the highway, agent observed a woman in the front yard and suggested possibly that the woman in question might be BELLE BORN; however, her features could not be observed from that distance and she could not be identified by Sheriff CORD or Chief HENRY.

Later, Chief HENRY advised, however, that the house in question is outside of the city limits and consequently he and his officials have no opportunity to observe it closely. However, in the past, numerous

automobiles from Chicago have visited the place but they have been noticeably less during the past year. He stated that both he and the Sheriff have done all they can to keep the place under observation but they absolutely have been unable to secure any definite information; that JACOBSON, who lives at the end of the road passing the BORN place, is unreliable and should not be contacted. He stated that a farmer by the name of CRANE, who lives on a small road about 50 yards west of the road leading to the BORN place, is reliable and had attempted to assist them; however, he had been unsuccessful, although he went to the expense of buying a pair of field glasses to observe the license number of the cars passing in and out of the BORN place. He apparently did not secure good glasses and was unsuccessful and it appeared that he was a little afraid of the undertaking. He stated there did not appear to be any possible way that this house could be kept under observation except possibly from the CRANE house. From the physical inspection agent made, this appears to be correct.

Efforts were made later in the day to contact the manager of the Mankato Citizens and the Tri-State Telephone Company with a view to determining whether BELLE BORN has a telephone, and for the purpose of soliciting the cooperation of the manager and securing a list of long distance calls from that phone. However, the manager was absent from the city at that time and can be contacted at his office only in the mornings.

Chief HENRY further advised that BELLE BORN always drives expensive automobiles and up until recently she drove a new model Lincoln automobile and that he believes she now has a large new Buick Coupe. He stated that it had been some five months since he saw her and that the description contained in the file, which agent repeated to him, was approximately correct although he thinks she weighs about 150 pounds at this time and that her hair is dyed.

This agent recalls in connection with other investigations made within the past two years in Minneapolis that BERNARD PHILLIPS, WILLIAM WEISMAN, and SCHAEFER and YOUNG, the latter two serving life sentences in the Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater, are known to have associated together and have all been present at Juster Bros. Clothing Store in Minneapolis on numerous occasions during the summer of 1932. It does not appear that either YOUNG or SCHAEFER have been interviewed regarding BERNARD PHILLIPS or WILLIAM WEISMAN.

A review has been made of the file of this case and for the convenience in the future, all leads will be brought up to date.

Inquiry at the office of the State Motor Vehicle License Bureau, State Capitol Building, St. Paul, failed to reflect that an automobile is listed to BELLE BORN in the State of Minnesota or that an automobile is listed to CHARLES J. FREECHOLD of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Efforts to locate Cadillac automobile bearing motor No. 1,001,172 have been made through the State Motor Vehicle License Department of Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, which was without results.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**St. Paul office**

At Mankato, Minnesota, will make further appropriate investigation regarding BELLE BORN. It is believed an interview should be had with the manager of the telephone company for the purpose of soliciting his cooperation, and interview the mail carrier who delivers mail on Route No. 1, which covers the address of BELLE BORN, and such other inquiry as the circumstances and facts warrant.

At the Minnesota State Prison, Stillwater, Minnesota, Convicts YOUNG and SCHAEFER will be interviewed for any information they will disclose as to the leads regarding the possible whereabouts of BERNARD PHILLIPS and WILLIAM WEISMAN.

At Minneapolis, Minnesota, St. Paul and Rochester, Minnesota, the lead will be developed which is set out in the report of former Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 3, 1934, which is serial 520 of the St. Paul office file.

In accordance with the memorandum of Special Agent J. H. Rice dated August 6, 1934, which is serial 671 of the St. Paul file, ROBERT BACON, now incarcerated in the reformatory at St. Cloud, Minnesota, should be interviewed relative to the identity of "GUY" as set out in Agent Rice's memorandum.

At Hayward, Wisconsin, inquiry will be made there for the purpose of locating the cottage of FRED GOETZ on Cranberry Lake, as set out in the report of Special Agent E. G. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated August 9, 1934, which is serial 639 of the St. Paul office file.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith an abstract of the record of one Leonard Byington, who is possibly identical with the Leonard Byington whose record Mr. Newby requested.

Respectfully,

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Dear Sir:

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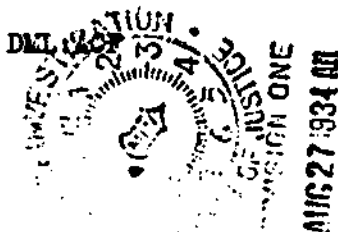
Reference is made to your letter of August 17, 1934, in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.# 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O.# 1194, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, in which letter you request information concerning the investigative steps taken by this office looking toward the location of WILLIAM WEISMAN.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 16, 1934, in the case entitled, ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. # 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. # 1219; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping, and particularly to page 9 thereof, wherein is set forth an identification which has been made in this district concerning WILLIAM WEISMAN.

Further investigation is being conducted by this office in connection with the VERNE MILLER case, and reports will be submitted from time to time to the Division setting forth the investigation which is conducted therein.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
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TITLE: **VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1196; ET AL**

CHARACTER OF CASE: **CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Zella Golden, Kansas City, Missouri, mother of Beulah and Rose Baird, who are now believed to be traveling with Charles Arthur Floyd, located and interviewed. Denies knowledge of present whereabouts of her daughters Rose and Beulah. Nell Golden, sister of Rose and Beulah Baird, narcotic addict, interrogated and furnished information her mother is in communication with Rose and Beulah. Discreet efforts being made to secure location these female companions of Floyd. Statements of Nell Golden indicate Floyd is in company with her sister and that they have recently been in Cleveland, Ohio.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Kansas City Office to the St. Louis Office dated August 11, 1934; Reports of Special Agents E. H. Klef, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 7-25-34 and R. Fagan, Washington, D.C. dated 8-16-34.

**DETAILS:**

The information shown in the report of Agent Klein was noted, especially with reference to the daughters of Mrs. Zella Golden, namely - Rose Baird and Beulah Baird, who were the companions of Charles Arthur Floyd and Bill Miller in a bank robbery at Zion, Kentucky in 1931. For some time the Kansas City Office has been endeavoring to locate Beulah and Rose Baird and their mother, Mrs. Zella Golden, with whom it is presumed they would be in communication. The St. Louis Office was requested to ascertain whether Mrs. Golden was residing at East Alton, Missouri, where previous investigation indicated she might be.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. F. Nathan</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-2294 AUG 25 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 25 1934 SEP 7 1934 JACKETED
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Pursuant to the various communications the St. Louis Office ascertained that Mrs. Ella Golden had been residing at West Alton with her mother. The reference communication of August 11, 1934 from the Kansas City Office to the St. Louis Office indicated that Mrs. Golden, the mother of Rose and Beulah Baird, was located by Special Agents E. M. Andersen and the writer at Apartment 111, 815 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. On August 12, 1934 she resides there with her daughter, Betty Curtis, another sister of Rose and Beulah Baird.

When interviewed Mrs. Golden was advised by the Agents fully as to their mission and was apprised of the fact that the U. S. Department of Justice is now concentrating in an endeavor to apprehend Charles Arthur Floyd, for whom process of arrest has been issued. It was believed that this should be told her in view of the fact that it is apparent she may be later subject to prosecution for harboring. The interview with her was conducted in a very friendly manner in an effort to elicit from her any information possible regarding the whereabouts of her daughters. She informed Agents that she is under the impression that Rose and Beulah are with Charles Arthur Floyd and that she worries daily lest harm come to them, but that she does not hear from them and has not for the past two years. She was asked whether she would cooperate in causing the apprehension of Floyd in the event she knew his whereabouts, and she stated this would be a hard question to answer and she was not sure whether she would or not. Extended interview with her was of no avail in the procurement of any information of value.

Mrs. Golden stated that she has six daughters, namely - Mrs. Ethel Hendricks, residing in Kansas City, Missouri, being married and having five children; Nell Golden, alias Nell Ward, residing in Kansas City; Pauline, the young daughter about 16 years of age, residing in Kansas City; Rose Baird and Beulah Baird, daughters by a previous marriage who are presently away from Kansas City in parts unknown, according to Mrs. Golden; Betty Curtis, residing with her in Kansas City. She failed to state any information indicating the street address of any of these daughters. She also stated that she has a son, Louis, who is now in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Talbot. This is the only son of Mrs. Golden, according to her statement.

It has been known to the Kansas City Office that Nell Golden, alias Nell Ward, is a narcotic addict, pursuant to reports previously received. Through investigation made by the agents mentioned here Nell Ward was located at 603 East 8th Street in a basement apartment where she engages in prostitution. She was taken into custody by the Agents in company with Assistant Sheriff John Kelly, and she was held for a period of about 24 hours, confined in the County Jail at Kansas City. She was kept in seclusion and owing to

the hour of the evening when she was picked up it was known that she would probably require narcotics within a few hours. She became very nervous of being released due to her habit and being deprived of such stimulants. Therefore, she apparently furnished more information than could be expected of her at any other time.

Nell Golden stated that she has the following sisters and brother: Mrs. Ethel (Boyer) Hendricks, 1818 Newton Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Betty Curtis, residing with her mother at 815 East 9th Street, the Earl Apartments, Apartment 111, Kansas City, Missouri; Pauline Golden, also residing with her mother; Beulah and Rose Baird, now believed to be with Charles Arthur Floyd, and Louis Baird, United States Navy, assigned to the U.S.S. Talbot.

She stated that about two years ago Rose and Beulah Baird returned to Kansas City, Missouri, upon their release from the State Penitentiary at Frankfort, Kentucky. This is shown in the reference report of Agent Klein. She stated that when they were residing in Kansas City after their return from Frankfort Charles Arthur Floyd and Beulah had a house somewhere on the South Side of Kansas City, the address of which she did not know, and that they had furnished it with furniture, rugs, etc., purchased here. She stated that the girls, Rose and Beulah, remained in Kansas City only a short time on that occasion. Beulah used to call on her mother quite often then but did not state anything regarding her place of residence and suddenly Beulah left Kansas City stating she was going to Oklahoma with Floyd. About two weeks later Rose Baird came to her mother's house, where Nell was at the time, with a man named Bill, last name not known to Nell. They stated that they were going to join Beulah and "Charles", as Floyd is known to the family. Nell Ward was unable to give any details which might establish the identity of "Bill" but when shown a photograph of Adam Richetti she stated that it resembles him very well and she believes it is a likeness of the man known as Bill. She stated that since the girls departed they have not been in Kansas City in her knowledge but that she knows her mother hears from them and that while she does not know definitely how her mother receives mail she believes that she secures her letters from the girls through the same attorney that represented Rose and Beulah at the time of their appeal to the State Supreme Court in Kentucky, which attorney resides in Kansas City.

At the time of the first interview Nell claimed not to know the name of this attorney but stated her mother receives letters occasionally by going to his office, according to what she understood from various chance remarks her mother made. She has never seen her mother go to the attorney's office and does not know definitely where it is located. She stated that her mother keeps information from her as she believes she would suspect that she, Nell, might divulge such facts if she knew them. However, she stated

about three weeks ago her mother showed her a recent photograph of Rose which she had received in the mail. The mother did not tell her at the time that she received a letter with the photograph but merely stated it had come in an envelope without any communication attached. She observed that the photograph was taken by some photographer at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the address was stamped on the folder, although she does not know the name of the photographer.

She also stated that about a month ago, or less, her mother received a letter from Rose which came from Cleveland, Ohio, and that in the letter Rose stated that Beulah was ill and that they were moving on and for the mother not to write. This would indicate, of course, that the mother had been in the habit of writing to some address in the past and that she knew where the girls had been at that time. However, Nell, either through unwillingness or inability, did not furnish information as to where the mother had ever communicated with the girls. She did, in fact, state that her mother has not written to the girls or known where to reach them. Nell advised that she did not see the letter which her mother received but merely heard from her mother in regard to it and that the photograph which she observed indicated that Rose was especially well dressed in a dark colored, light weight dress with low neck and a summer hat. She could not furnish any other details which would be material in regard to the photograph. She stated that this photograph was in the hands of her mother at 815 East 9th Street when she saw it about three weeks ago and that she supposed her mother would either keep it concealed in a dresser drawer or some other place in the apartment, or that she might take it to the residence of her other daughter at 1815 Newton Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Nell Ward begged very vehemently to be released in view of the fact that she stated she was in great pain and she promised she would secure any and all information obtainable by her from her mother, or any other source, and that she would bring it to the Agents at the Kansas City Office, the address of which she was furnished.

Nell further advised, in the course of the interview, that Marvin Baird (listed as a brother of Rose and Beulah on page 3 of the reference report of Agent Klein) is by no means related to the family and she has never heard of Marvin Baird or any other relative of their's residing at Georgetown, Kentucky. She also stated that she knows of no one named Edward Daugherty (likewise listed in the report of Agent Klein as a brother of the Baird girls).

Nell stated that L. E. Oliver was formerly the husband of Rose Baird and that he is now a foreman at the Rudy-Patrick Seed Company in the West Bottoms Industrial Section of Kansas City, Missouri. She stated that she does not believe L. E. Oliver has any contact now with Rose or Beulah but that about a month ago Oliver saw her younger sister, Pauline, and stated that he

had seen Rose on the street sometime past and that Rose had ignored him. She does not know whether Eliver was mistaken or not but expressed the opinion that he could hardly be mistaken since he had been married to her at one time. However, she believes he may have been joking. Eliver will be interviewed by Agents of this office.

As to Dr. Freedman (listed on page 8 of Agent Klein's report as a friend of the Baird girls, residing in Kansas City, Missouri) it was found upon review of the city directory and telephone directory that Dr. J.H. Freedman has his offices at 2603 East 31st Street, Telephone Linwood 5200, and his residence at 4434 Highland, telephone Wabash 4727. Dr. Freedman was interviewed by the writer at his office and was found to be an Italian engaged as a physician and surgeon in an office with another doctor and a dentist. He has a considerable practice by all appearances and seems to devote his time mostly to Italian clientele.

He advised that several years ago Beulah Baird was a housemaid at his residence and that this was the first acquaintance he had with the family. That after that time he became acquainted with Mrs. Zella Golden

b6 [redacted] He stated that he saw Rose Baird and Beulah Baird after their return from Frankfort, Kentucky, about two years ago and he found that Beulah was afflicted with an ailment resulting from a bullet wound in her head. He described the wound as being a scalp injury and stated that a bullet had entered somewhere at the base of her scalp and had emerged near her temple. His opinion is that Beulah will never fully recover from the injury and that she will be troubled with it constantly. He stated that her trouble will probably result in violent headaches and possibly loss of memory and reason at times. He advised also that Beulah Baird [redacted]

[redacted] during the time that she worked as a maid in his household and that when he discovered this she was no longer employed. However, [redacted] b6

This is mentioned due to the fact that certain reports have been in existence to the effect that Beulah may now be the mother of a son, a child of Floyd's.

Agents Andersen and the writer also interviewed Mrs. Ethel Hendricks at her residence, 1818 Newton Avenue, in approximately the same manner as was her mother interviewed. She stated that she does not receive any information regarding the whereabouts of her sisters Rose and Beulah, and that she is not aware of the receipt of such information by any other member of the family or parties outside the family. She stated that she hopes she never does receive such information and that she does not know whether she would cooperate or not with the Government in the event she knew. She stated that her mother never does discuss the daughters, Rose and Beulah, with her except to express fear for their safety. Every indication was given by Mrs.



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Hendricks that she believes the girls are with Charles Arthur Floyd and some other man and she would do nothing to assist the Government in any way. The telephone number of Mrs. Hendricks is Chestnut 4886. A cover is being placed on the mail of the Hendricks family. Same has already been placed on the mail going to Mrs. Ella Golden and others at her apartment.

The Kansas City Office is also placing a cover on the mail of Nell Ward at her address.

Nell Ward, pursuant to her promise, appeared at the Kansas City Office the day after her release from jail and the Agents who interviewed her not being present she left word for them to see her that night.

When interviewed at her apartment on that evening Nell Ward advised that she had talked with her mother and that the mother informed her that the Agents had called on her and also on Mrs. Hendricks and that she had told them absolutely nothing. The mother also told Nell that the Agents had intimated that it was their belief she was hearing from her daughters, Rose and Beulah, but that she had not admitted this. She informed Nell that, of course, it had been about three weeks since she had heard from the girls but that she was not going to give the Government any such information. Nell also stated on this occasion that she learned from her mother that the mother had destroyed the photograph of Rose Baird as soon as she determined that the Agents knew her address for the reason that she feared it might be found when her apartment was searched.

It may be noted that the morning after Nell Ward was placed in jail and as soon as the information concerning the photograph was received these Agents, together with Assistant Sheriff John Kelly, proceeded to the apartment of Mrs. Golden and it was found that neither she nor Betty Curtis were present. Mr. Kelly succeeded in opening the door and with him the Agents made a thorough search of the apartment and found no such photograph as Nell Ward had mentioned. It is probable that the photograph might have been taken from there several days before to the home of Mrs. Hendricks. This residence has not been searched for want of such an opportunity.

Nell Ward further advised, at this latter interview, that she had secured the name of the attorney that had dealt with her mother and Rose and Beulah, and she furnished same as Robert M. Coleman, which is the same individual mentioned in the report of Agent Klein as having represented these parties. However, Nell stated that she could not be sure that her mother is receiving mail through Mr. Coleman but same is a guess on her part.

Agents Andersen and the writer made investigation through the city directory and other sources and determined that Robert M. Coleman resides at 2633 Montgall Avenue, which is the same as that shown in Agent

Klein's report, is a member of the firm known as the Business Men's Clearing House, located at 1012 Baltimore, Telephone number Wlster 3320. Coleman is also listed as an attorney at the same address.

A survey of the premises where Coleman's office is located discloses that it is situated on the 8th Floor of the building and that the office consists of two small rooms. There is found to be another partner in the firm, shown as Maurice J. Spetere. The Business Men's Clearing House is a concern making collections and adjustments on a commission basis. Inquiry in the Better Business Bureau developed that very little is known concerning the Business Men's Clearing House. No complaints have been received against the organization. The only information available through the Better Business Bureau was a letter dated May 6, 1933 addressed to the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and turned over to the Better Business Bureau. The writer of the letter is shown as J. V. Bolte, R.F.D. 3, Wooster, Ohio. The letter is written on a piece of yellow tablet paper, written by hand and apparently does not come from any well established business concern. In the letter the writer made inquiry as to the standing of the Business Men's Clearing House, furnishing the address as 312 Victor Building, located at 6 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Incidentally that was the address of the concern as of May 6, 1933, according to the City Directory. The letter also indicates that the name of the manager of the Business Men's Clearing House is Robert M. Coleman. A reply from the Better Business Bureau to Mr. Bolte dated May 10, 1933, was to the effect that the business of this organization is collections on a commission basis and that no complaints had been received against the company.

It is probably significant to note that who ever the individual J. V. Bolte may be he had considerable information regarding the Business Men's Clearing House before he wrote. The fact that Charles Arthur Floyd has frequented points in Ohio might indicate some possible connection between J. V. Bolte and Floyd.

The Kansas City Office is considering the advisability of placing a surveillance on Mrs. Zella Golden to determine through what source she may receive her letters in Kansas City, since it is not definitely known whether she is hearing from her daughters through Robert M. Coleman or some other source.

The matter is also being taken up with the Post Office Inspector to determine the feasibility of placing a cover on the mail of Robert M. Coleman and the Business Men's Clearing House. It will be noted that in all probability a great volume of commercial communications are received by the concern in question. It is probable also that such a cover would be of slight value in view of the many communications and the probable absence of anything on the outside of a letter received from Floyd to indicate its identity if such were the case.



It will be noted, however, that Nell Ward has promised to secure any additional information possible and to furnish it to the Agents. It may be possible thereby to establish definitely whether the mother of Rose and Beulah Baird is receiving her mail through Robert M. Coleman. In this event more intelligent investigation can be made with reference to Coleman. Nell Ward will probably keep her promise in this connection in view of the fact that she is fearful of later detention in jail and possible prosecution for harboring or concealing facts which might bring about the apprehension of Floyd.

Betty Curtis is also said to be a narcotic addict and similar action is contemplated with reference to her as that taken in regard to Nell Ward.

It was ascertained through Nell Ward also that a Filipino has been residing with Betty Curtis and her mother at the apartment on East 9th Street. She stated that he had been paying the greater part of their living expenses and that he has a position in the Rug Department at Duff & Repp Furniture Company. However, Nell informed that upon the first call of the Agents on her mother this Filipino hurriedly made his exit as a resident at the apartment.

Agents Andersen and the writer proceeded to Duff & Repp Furniture Company where Miguel Decasa, the Filipino in question, was found. He was brought to the Kansas City Office and here questioned. He stated that he has been employed by Duff & Repp Furniture Company in the Rug Department for about 15 years. He acts in the capacity of delivery man and general handy man in the Rug Department. He stated that for the past four years he has known the Golden Sisters and since March 1934 has resided at 815 East 9th Street with Betty Curtis and her mother and has paid their living expenses there. He stated he makes \$21.00 per week and that he spends a greater part of this salary in keeping up the women at the apartment. He denied strenuously that he knew anything concerning the whereabouts of Rose and Beulah Baird, although he stated that he knew them very well and that he had met them at the home of Freda Ash at 1408 Holmes Street, Kansas City, Missouri. This was prior to the death of William and Wallace Ash, who were presumably killed by Floyd in March 1931. He stated that the mother of Rose and Beulah Baird very often expresses anxiety over their danger and that she calls for a newspaper every day and carefully reviews same for any information concerning either her daughters or Charles Arthur Floyd. He stated that recently, after the demise of John Dillinger, there was a discussion between him and Mrs. Golden and he informed her that the Government could certainly capture Charles Arthur Floyd sooner or later and that it was dangerous for Rose and Beulah to be with him. He stated that Mrs. Golden agreed with him at that time and stated that her daughters were in danger.

Decas seems to be a possible source of information. He promised, with apparently good faith, that he would seek any information available to him through Betty Curtis, or other members of the Golden family, concerning the whereabouts of Rose and Beulah and that he would furnish it to the Agents. He was advised of the reward outstanding for information leading to the capture of Charles Arthur Floyd and indicated that he is interested in securing same for himself. However, he denied that he now has any information which would lead to the result desired.

An interview was had with Freda Ash and Mary Joe Ash, sisters of the deceased William and Wallace Ash, at 1408 Holmes Street, prior to the location of Mrs. Golden. These individuals, in fact, furnished the information to Agents Andersen and Trainor which resulted in locating Mrs. Golden. They stated they have no information whatever concerning the whereabouts of Rose and Beulah but it is their belief that Mrs. Golden is in constant communication with them. They promised they would furnish any information ever secured by them to the Kansas City Office. Apparently the Ash sisters possess a great deal of hatred for the Golden family and they are apparently sincere in their statements that they would bring about the apprehension of Floyd if they were in a position to do so in view of his having murdered their brothers.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE will interview L. E. Oliver, care of Rudy-Patrick Seed Company, Kansas City, former husband of Rose Baird, for any information he may be able to offer looking toward her location.

This office will also pursue results of mail covers on the Golden family and other relatives at Kansas City.

Consideration will be given to surveillance of Mrs. Zella Golden after further interview with Nell Ward, who may be in a position to learn from what source she is receiving communications from Rose and Beulah Baird. Also consideration will be given to the placing of a cover on the mail of the Business Men's Clearing House at Kansas City operated by Robert M. Coleman.

An interview will also be had with Roy Hendricks, 1818 Newton Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, the husband of Mrs. Ethel Hendricks.

THE DETROIT DIVISION OFFICE at Wooster, Ohio, will make appropriate investigation to determine the identity, character and reputation of J. V. Bolte, R.F.D. 3, Wooster, Ohio, who wrote the letter to the Mayor of Kansas City inquiring with respect to the Business Men's Clearing House. If possible it should be determined whether the letter in question had any connection with Charles Arthur Floyd. It is suggested that this matter be approached

very discreetly since it is possible that Bolte might have been in contact with Floyd or Beulah Baird prior to his having written the letter.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will note that a photograph of Rose Baird may have been taken by a photographer at Oklahoma City within the past thirty to sixty days. It might be possible by displaying a photograph of Rose Baird to some of the photographers there to locate the place where the picture was taken. This is being left strictly to the discretion of the Oklahoma City Office which is in better position to state the feasibility of such a lead.

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September 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

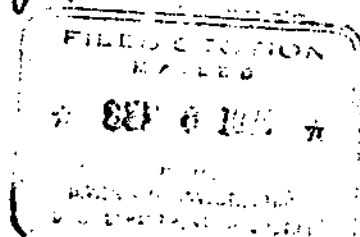
RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive,  
Identification Order 1201;  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases,  
Fugitive, Identification Order 1194, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Missouri, August 22, 1934 in  
the above entitled case wherein it is noted on Page 6 that Special  
Agents H. E. Andersen and Trainor, together with Assistant Sheriff  
John Kelly, made a thorough search of the apartment occupied by  
Mrs. Lella Golden, apparently without the permission of the occupant.

The Division is of the opinion that the details of  
such searches should not be set forth in an investigative report,  
but in such an instance it would be sufficient to state that an  
unsuccessful effort was made to locate the photograph.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



1301 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
August 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1270,  
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Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (indicated)  
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases  
I.O. #1801 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases, I.O.  
#1194 - FUGITIVE, et al -  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Replying to your letter of August 20, 1934 relative to the above entitled case, with which were transmitted two photographs, one of Boulah Clark, with aliases, Oklahoma City P.D. #11522, and Goldie Johnson, Pottsville, Okla., S.O. #4044, these two photographs being of the same individual, you are advised that Special Agent J.A. Street, after viewing these photographs, advises that they are identical with the Boulah Clark who appeared at Tucumcari on October 2, 1933, just after the arrest of Clark and Brady. This woman first stated she was the wife of Jim Clark but later admitted she was not and gave the name of Boulah Jackson but refused to state where she was from or to give any other information regarding her past life.

These photographs were also positively identified by Phillip Bourke, a United States Customs officer of El Paso, who accompanied Agent Street to Tucumcari at the time of Clark's and Brady's arrest. At that time Leona Defer accompanied Boulah Jackson to Tucumcari, Leona Defer claiming to be the legal wife of Bob Brady and registered at the hotel as Mrs. Bob Brady.

It is understood that at the time of the arrest of Clark and Brady at Tucumcari these two women were at Winslow, Arizona, and upon reading of the arrest in the newspapers they immediately proceeded to Tucumcari, staying all night the night of the 7th and arriving at Tucumcari early on the morning of October 8th. At that time these women were driving a Ford V 8 coupe and they made claim to the Ford V 8 coupe driven by Brady and Clark at the time of their arrest and information is that the sheriff turned the car over to Leona Defer, alias Leona Clark.

Very truly yours,

AUG 28 1934

H. E. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division  
cc Kansas City.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
FOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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August 15, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In accordance with Mr. Newby's request of yesterday, there are transmitted herewith six copies of the transcript of the criminal record of Frank R. Moran, Identification Unit file #28216, together with twelve copies of the photograph of this individual, which appears on the fingerprint card received in the Division [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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FERGUSON MENTIONED THIS CASE AND BREKID CASE. ~~RECEIVED~~ REQUEST  
COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF MRS. BURKE WITH LATENT EVIDENCE IN KANMO  
CASE. THIS WOMAN HAS BEEN IN THE CHICAGO OFFICE SINCE SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON. BUT UP TO DATE HAS REFUSED TO SAY ANYTHING. SHE HAS NOT  
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-24-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8-22-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E.J. DOWD.</b>
TITLE: <b>VERNON O. MILLER, w.a. (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.a. - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "Pretty Boy" FLOYD, w.a. - I.O. #1194; et al.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>No indication that Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd visits a camp gas station and Deputy Sheriff located 18 miles east of Shamrock towards McLean, Texas.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Copy of letter to Division from Los Angeles Office, dated August 15, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>At Shamrock and McLean, Texas, the writer talked to Walter Davis, a Deputy Sheriff of Wheeler County, located at Shamrock, Texas. Incidentally, he is the only paid deputy sheriff under Sheriff John Porter of Wheeler, Texas, and is well versed with what goes on in Wheeler County. Jess Swink, Chief of Police at Shamrock, who is also posted on conditions in Wheeler County, was interviewed.</p> <p>They stated that to their knowledge Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd has not been known to visit Wheeler County, Texas, although the county is considered one of the best hideouts in the State of Texas. They further stated that they could not recall a camp and gas station located 18 miles in any direction from Shamrock, Texas, particularly towards McLean, Texas. It is possible, however, they stated that the place the informant might have in view is Kellerville, Texas, a recent oil boom town, which is located 16 miles west and 10 miles north of Shamrock, Texas.</p> <p>L.T. Keffer, Texas Highway Patrol, who covers the district, also stated that he does not know of any such place unless it might be Kellerville, Texas.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E.J. Dowd</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>62-28915-2298</b>	
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Kellerville is not considered an ideal hideout for "Pretty Boy" Floyd or other criminals as the place is just beginning to build up and there are very few places where accommodations might be secured. Quite a number of cars bearing Oklahoma License Tags visit the place, and upon inquiry it was ascertained the majority of occupants are roughnecks who follow new oil boom towns, while a number of them are cheap gamblers visiting Bill Schlegel's gambling pool hall.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**

FILE NO. **68-2**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8-20-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. E. LAWRENCE</b>	<b>DAN</b>
TITLE: <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GAYLARD, with aliases FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201 CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER</b>	

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

George O. Cook, Best, Arkansas, denies making statement regarding Charles Arthur Floyd. States that he does not know subject Floyd but might recognize him from photographs he has seen in papers and magazines. Investigation disclosed no rumors that Floyd has been in vicinity of Best, Arkansas.

## REFERENCE:

Letter from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office, dated May 23rd, 1934.

## DETAILS:

George O. Cook, farmer and lumberman, living 1 1/2 miles from Best, Arkansas, stated that he has never been a merchant in Best, Arkansas, and denied ever having made a statement regarding Charles Arthur Floyd. There is no restaurant located in Best, Arkansas. This town has but one store, a General Merchandise store operated by J. L. Patton and his wife. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Patton there is one house across from the store containing a family of three. The next house near the town is a quarter of a mile away and there are but six families living within a radius of a mile.

## DETAILS:

Mr. and Mrs. Patton have operated the J. L. Patton General Merc. Store for a period of three years and state that they would not know Floyd if they saw him unless they recognized him from pictures which have been published in newspapers and periodicals. Mr. and Mrs. Patton stated that they have heard no rumors regarding Floyd since they have been in Best, Arkansas.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. E. Conroy</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-2299 UNITED STATES AUG 27 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 27 1934 CHECKED OFF: AU JACKETED:
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George O. Cook stated that he had never seen Charles Arthur Floyd, but that his wife was raised with him when she was a small girl, in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Mrs. Cook stated that she doubted very much if she would recognize him as she has not seen him for over 20 years.

Cook stated that he could not imagine where such a report originated unless it could have been started by a friend of his by the name of J. O. McFarland, who is a salesman for the Quaker Oats Company of St. Joseph, Missouri. McFarland comes to Best, Arkansas every two weeks. Frequently when he comes to Best, McFarland stops at the Cook home as he is a personal friend of Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

Cook stated that he doesn't even remember ever having mentioned "Pretty Boy" Floyd, in his conversation to McFarland, and he further stated that he hasn't heard his name mentioned for many months.

Agent noted that Best, Arkansas is located in a very sparsely settled mountainous region which might afford an ideal hideout, however, the people living there would become very curious if strangers were to locate for any period of time, and Cook and his wife as well as Mr. and Mrs. Patton stated that they knew of no strange persons who were living in the hills in that vicinity.

Photographs of Floyd and Richetti were displayed to Mr. and Mrs. George O. Cook as well as Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Patton who stated that they would watch for strangers coming into that district and would notify the Sheriff's Office or the Little Rock Field Office in case any persons resembling the subjects in this case were to appear there.

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Director  
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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased  
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Pursuant to the recent request of Mr. Newby while I was in Washington, I have caused Special Agent H. E. Andersen to place a cover on the mail of Francis Keating and Thomas Holden at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, through Mr. Eckholdt, the Warden's secretary. The mail cover will disclose the date of receipt of the missives and the place from where sent, with return address, if available.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

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